

She is expected to argue that the measure would allow all schools greater freedom to run their affairs. In practice, selection is likely to be taken up mainly by the 1,100 grant-maintained schools which have opted for self-governing status and want more efficient methods of rationing their places.

Under the present rules, most schools are not allowed to give preferential access to high-achieving pupils. According to a Government circular updated in 1993, they should not require pupils to sit a test or use any other form of selection procedure.

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"Schools which do not select on the basis of ability or aptitude should in general avoid using reports or inter-views as part of their formal admission arrangements, exsome of the political sting out of Mrs Shephard's amounce-ment next week that the Gov-ernment is to drop plans to allow church schools a fast cept in the case of church schools where reports and in-terviews may help the school to understand the family's religious background ... Governing bodies may otherwise track for opting out without trivial changes in admissions be vulnerable to criticism baving to ballot parents. The policy was welcome. erning bodies may otherwise

become closely identified expansion of your freedom to with Mr Blair. make sensible choices be-Mrs Shephard's consultatween pupils in the way you think best". tion paper will propose scrap-ping its guidance on admis-

Alan Parker, education officer of the Association of Met-ropolitan Authorities, said sions to allow schools to compete more flercely by hav-Mrs Shephard's proposal was an insidious restoration of selection which would be even worse than the 11 plus. ing greater control over their own destiny. It is also expected to remove restrictions obliging grant-maintained schools to seek Government approval before changing "They are not proposing selection on the basis of objec-tive criteria, but a much more

catchment area. Schools would have a free hand to introduce overt selecnebulous social selection. It is difficult to see how giving a power to head teachers which tion procedures to admit up cannot easily be checked will be in the interests of parents to 10 per cent of pupils by aptitude in subjects such as music, art, drama, sport and and children. The practical eftechnology. They could also amend policy on admitting siblings or the children of fect of giving maverick head teachers their heads is likely to cause problems and it may become increasingly hard in some areas for parents to edugovernors and teachers with-out ministerial approval. The proposals may take cate their children locally."

Andrew Turner, director of the GM Schools Foundation, said any policy which reduced the obligation to apply to the Government for

Tickets to ride . . . but 250 inquiries by researchers produced a total bill of £13.013 instead of a 'neutral advice' amount of £7.591 PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGIES

Rail companies 'bilking Isn't travellers over tickets' it time sell-off, called on the Trans-port Secretary, Sir George Young, to halt the franchising to review the "deeply flawed" Toolem predated privatisa-tion. you joined However, the Transport Minister, John Watts, said he had asked British Rail's **Britain's** chairman, John Welsby, to carry out an investigation. Yesterday Labour backed the association's call for the largest sell-off to be halted, and plans to capitalise on the concerns of Tory backbenchers by forc-ing a rail debate in the Com-mons in the coming weeks. ever The left-wing Conservative MP for Harrow East, Hugh Dykes, said: "The crucial and essential objective which the Secretary of State must be private motor able to guarantee the public is that comprehensive through-ticketing will survive any change in ownership." British Rail said the report insurer? was misleading and unrepre sentative, and said that in the four months since the survey was carried out, the compa-nies had undertaken a huge amount of extra training. Labour's transport spokes-man. Brian Wilson, said: "This is a devastating report which goes to the heart of rail privatisation. We have warned from the start that the benefits of an integrated network would disappear if the system is fragmented directur among dozens of operators. None of them has a loyalty to ensuring the best deal for pas-sengers throughout the network." By always putting the customer first. Direct Line has become Britain's largest over prhate motor insurer covering well over two million motorist Leader commont, page 8 For better motor insurance, Isn't it doe you called the number 13 0181 686 2468 0141 226 2468

Ian Brady to challenge press accountability

Owen Bowcott

AN BRADY, the Moors morderer detained in Ashworth maximum security hospital, has been granted legal aid to launch the first ever High Court the first ever High Court challenge of a Press Complaints Commission ruling. An application for judicial review of the commis-sion's decision — on an article in the Sun last July has been lodged by his solicitor and a judge's decision is expected within two weeks.

If successful, the challenge could prove to be an unexpected test case for the public accountability of child murderer Ian Brady. both the PCC and the news-

sne the Sunday Express for malicious falsebood in 1994, alleges that an article 1994, alleges that an article which appeared in the Sun accompanied by a picture taken with a tele-photo lens taken with a tele-photo lens graph of Brady at a win-was an invasion of his pri-vacy. The story was head- vantage point outside the are in the public eye."

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privacy complaint

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lined: Well-fed face of evil The original complaint to paper industry. Brady, who attempted to

code of practice. The indistinct photo-

perimeter of the building, is alleged to have consti-tuted an invasion of privacy. and harassment, and to have contradicted part of the code requiring journal-ists to identify themselves to officials when approaching hospitals.

In its submission, the Sun claimed Brady had forfeited all rights to privacy because he was a convicted child killer. Public interest demanded that the press monitored the position of such individuals. The PCC's adjudication

last autumn in effect up-held the Sun's defence. "As well as being a patient at Ashworth, Ian Brady is also a notorious child murderer - a matter in itself which justifies scrutiny of him in the public interest," the commission said. Brady's solicitor, Bene-dict Birnberg, said yesterday: "The case raises in a very stark way the whole

RAIL passengers are being overcharged by the newly independent ticket sales. It concluded that passen-gers were being misled by the train companies in nine cases out of 10, according to a Con-sumers' Association survey which has given fresh impe-tus to the controversy over competing companies, which appeared to be prepared to flout licensing conditions "for commercial gain", or had "undertrained or incompe-tent" staff. Sir George admitthe Government's privatisation programme. The findings will renew Tory backbenchers' fears about the sell-off, risking a Fair's fare?

Robecca Smithers Political Correspondent

Commons defeat for John Major in one of the first big London to Bath return to Competing operators: Great Western. South Wales & West. Cheapest fare: South Wales & West, £22; Highest fare of-fored \$53 tests of his dwindling major-ity in the wake of Emma Nicholson's defection.

The results of the investigation, published in Which? magazine tomorrow, show that the 25 train companies, fered, £53 many of which are now competing for passengers on simi-lar routes since the break-up of British Rail for privatisa-tion, are misleading passengers by failing to provide neu-tral advice on ticket sales.

A team of researchers bought 57 tickets for five routes, of which 54 were more expensive than the cheapest fare, and in some cases inva-

lid tickets were issued. In more than 250 inquiries, fered, £57 the total quoted or charged came to £13,013 whereas if

neutral sales advice had been followed the figure would have been £7,591. The association, which

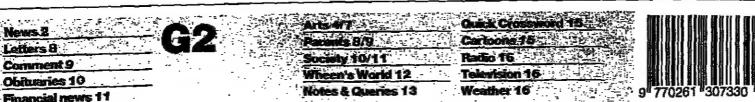
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Sketch Off piste and royally fed up

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John Duncan

HERE IS always a sense of trepidation at this time of year. Is it going to be a good 12 months, or will it be even worse than last year? Everyone wants a sign, to the point that missing a bus on January 3 or losing at pool to a total dork after missing a simple black becomes something to make or break a whole year. Well, poor old Prince

Charles won't be very chuffed this morning after his body-guard broke his thigh skiing with him, and Charles's two sons William and Harry won't be expecting straight As at school after having to rescue a skier who had an epileptic fit halfway down the mountain and crashed. You don't need a crystal ball, Charlie, you can see it in the piste; this is the holidus hellus that precedes another awful annus.

Still Inspector Tony Parker has probably expunged his entire ill fortune for the year. There are a lot of thankless tasks to be done around royalty, and being the muscles that mind majesty, a double-barrelled shotgun among an en-tourage of double-barrelled surnames, is definitely one of

Everyone knows what a bodyguard is born to do. Wear isses, look hard, own a wardrobe of simple but ag-gressive ties, have a big chest ook discreet in the most obvious and indiscreet manner, and occasionally dive on top of schoolchildren with waterpistols before screaming into a radio on your lapel and look-ing at the rooftops for snipers.

Easy. But not everything trans-fers to ice. Cinderella, the panto, yes; Northampton v Hereford, perhaps; looking menacing and in control and able to respond instantly to a security situation on the piste, all day up and down like the Assyrian Empire. No, definitely not. But at least Inspec-

tor Parker's inability to guard his own body, let alone the prince's, offered a semblance of news, a break from breath-less but lifeless royal copy and more reflections on a revolting year, regally speaking. Not that you could ever blame the journalists involved

for that, because if the job of bodyguard is tough, being a royal reporter on the piste must be a nightmare — away in a strange expensive place with two weeks of Christmas parties still working their way slowly out of your liver and not a sniffette of a story. The sort of journalistic Kryp-ton Factor they have to go through was well illustrated by yesterday's "press

conference" "Could you take your sun-glasses off, sir?" the photogra-phers asked politely. "No thank you very much," the prince replied. "Are you en-joying yourself?" Charles: "That's the object. I wouldn't be here if I wasn't."

"How is the snow, sir?"— "Cold and white.' "Are you go-ing snowboarding later, sir?" Charles: "Tm far too old for that." And that was it. Get even a

neutrino of a story from those few choice words. "Tears of a crown — Charles refus remove sunglasses after holi-day hell"? A bit thin. Thank goodness for coppers who can't ski

Imagine for a moment what it would be like if they came with you as a single bloke to your own boliday. Imagine the early morning scramble before a dawn photocall by the pool, the one the kids from Bexleyheath dumped the hotel

sofa in two nights before. "How are you feeling, sir?" "Bit of a hangover, rather wished I hadn't eaten the raw fish, thought the club was rap, didn't you?" "Do you remember snog-ging the accountant from Batey, sir?" — "Yes, but the

plumber from Mansfield is a bit hazy? Was it tongues and everything?" "What is the schedule for today, sir?" — Bit of reading, lounge aroun in a few bars, try and find out the football scores from home postcards, more film for the camera, pizza, more beer, beach, change, and then a club." "How is the beer?"-

'Cold and strong." Beware. One royal marriage and it could be you.

Unionists back demand for Sinn Fein boycott with threat to Tory majority

David Sharrock reland Corresp

OHN Major was unde pressure from the Ulster Unionist Party last night to suspend all contact with Sinn Fein until the IRA halts the renewed murder campaign aimed at alleged drug dealers. The Ulster MPs' demands for tough action on the campaign, which has claimed five lives in as many weeks, comes as suspicions deepen once more over republican commitment to peace — and as Mr Major nurses a wafer-thin majority dependent upon the support of unionists.

Direct Action Against Drugs, which has accepted responsibility for the mur-ders, said it killed Ian Lyons, aged 31, on New Year's Day. But police and nationalist pol-iticians yesterday joined Iticians yesterday joined unionists in blaming the IRA. Detective Superintendent Kevin Sheehy, head of the RUC drugs squad, said: "Every police officer and every citizen in Northern Ire-land knows that Direct Action Accient Days in an every

Against Drugs is an organisa-tion which does not exist independent of the IRA." The Ulster Unionist deputy leader, John Taylor, said it was time for Mr Major to stand up to the IRA with the

shown by the Dublin government when it can celled the permanent release of republican prisoners over killings before Christmas. "The Government should say that there shall be no more talks with Sinn Fein until the murders stop," Mr

Taylor said. "It's clear that Gerry Adms and the leadership have lost control."

His colleague, Ken Magin. nis, said the IRA was conditioning the public for an ex-pansion of its activities and inding the ceasefire. fires would hold.

"I believe their strategy will include murdering a member of a known loyalist paramilitary group allegedly involved in the drug trade in paramilitary organisations who are trying to break the the hope that it will provide peace," he said. "They are the catalyst the IRA needs for trying to use public executions to impose their will upon the entire community." ending its ceasefire," he

Mr Taylor said the Govern Sinn Fein's national chairment must act before a protman. Mitchel McLaughlin. estant fell victim because loysaid there was not one iota of alists would not stand for it. evidence to show that the IRA But the deputy leader of the was involved in the murders.



that while the present situa-tion appeared to be deteriorating he believed that the Later, Mr Lyons' sister

Pauline said he was an inno-cent victim. "What gives "I believe there are those within the IRA and other these cowards the right to murder in cold blood an innocent man who was young and energetic, a highly-thought-of person on both sides of the community, just to cover up their own illicit dealings?" she asked. Mr Lyons, considered by

police to be an insignificant figure in the world of crime, shot by two gummen as he left

his girlfriend's home on the nationalist Taughnevin estate in Lurgan, Co Armagh. He died later in hospital. The Northern Ireland Sec-

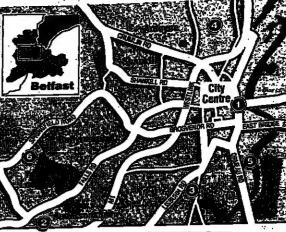
retary, Sir Patrick Mayhew. said the killings were threatening the peace process. "It's not compatible with a

methods and it casts very great doubt therefore on whether Sinn Fein, who are inextricably linked with the IRA, are themselves commit-

ted to peaceful methods," he aid. Con

Post-ceasefire murders

The Guardian Wednesday January 3 1996





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"three wise men" are atthe peace process was voiced tempting to find a way through the political deadlock by the leaders of Ireland's four main churches yesterday when they said that Northern caused by Mr Major's insisireland was at a defining motence on a token surrender of ment in its history. People were faced with a choice be-The Ulster Unionist leader en risking a return to violence or moving forward commitment to peaceful through dialogue and agreement Referring to the forthcom-ing report from the Mitchell Commission on the decom-

David Trimble said yesterday that the British and Irish governments' target of all-party talks by the end of February was no longer realistic. He said he was now doubtful that the negotiations would get under way this year ...

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Book review

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Henry Porter

Age and Guile: Beat Youth, Innocence and a Bad Haircut PJ O'Rourke; Picador, £15.99

- HE THING I like about Republicans

is that they are no damn good at all. I know, I'm one of them." When I read this in PJ O'Rourke's latest collection of pleces, I began to feel just a little weary. For the best part of 25 years, PJ has been telling us what a liberalhating bastard he is. By now most of us have got the point. For there is little novelty in the idea of someone who grew his hair long and smoked pot in the '60s turning out to be a

conservative. PJ is the rule, not the excep-tion, which makes his act today all the more difficult to pull off. What was interesting about him 20 years ago is now merely routine. He's like Mr Punch waving his little stick and snarling a lot, but not frightening the children any longer.

To return to the paragraph about Republicans: "The Republican just wants to get rich, buy ocean-front prop-erty, dump the old wife and get a new blonde who will listen attentively while the Republican talks about unfunded mandates over the Arugula salad." It's funny, yes, but after a book of this stuff, drawn from a quarter of a century of his journalism, you begin to dread these wild assortments of images that prod you towards the comedic boom boom of the last phrase. Here is another example: "Local TV interviewers come in two varieties. One is the

bulimic blond person with a deviated septum and a severe cognitive disorder who went into broadcasting because he or she was too emotionally disturbed for telephone sales

work. Despite the irritating technical references, one cannot deny the ingenuity, but why i it the smile dies so easily on my face? I think it is because PJ O'Rourke never really tells you much about Republicans or TV interviewers or for that matter any of the trouble spots he has visited over the

O'Rourke's real subject is himself, or rather, the tiresome public persona of the Republican delinquent which one can see from this book has been a long time in the mak-ing. The early pieces are embarrassing and one is surprised he bothered to keep the underground juvenilia The strange thing is that O'Rourke can write very well and five or six pieces in this book, in a section called The Truth about the Sixties and Other Fictions are moving, well observed and beautifully told. They are not, however. especially funny, which, one senses, makes PJ uncomfort-able; he has a terrible aversion to earnestness.

At his best, O'Rourke is par of that American tradition of journalistic reminiscence, the best practitioners of which were Hemingway, Mencken and Thurber. In content and attitude O'Rourke lies somewhere between the first two, though perhaps he is not quite in their league. PJ, in the end, is content

with self-invention, a pity be-

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cause he could be so much better as a reporter.

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Murky motives for giving drug dealers rough justice

senior republican in Bel-fast: "People don't want what's happened in Dublin to happen here," writes David Sharrock. most 137.000.

David Sharrock. He was quick to point out that no evidence has been presented which shows that the IRA is behind the kill-ings. Even so, the police, community and church leaders are all agreed that Direct Action Against Drugs, the group which claimed the murder on Monder night of Ion Lyons year, a dividend of the cea-seffres, with 120 officers concerned with drugs full-

Monday night of Ian Lyons in Lurgan and several other murders before his, is acting on behalf of the IRA. By comparison with the rest of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland's drugs

problems are minor. Ec-stasy is newly fashionable in club culture. Cannabis is on the rise too, but it has Superintendent Kevin Sheeby, went further yes-terday than any senior RUC long been in use and is no respecter of the traditional divide.

The comparison with Dublin, where some innercity estates have been ravaged by heroin pedlars, strains credulity. By com-parison with the Republic's cosmopolitan capital, Beiview

fast and the rest of Northern Ireland remains a very ern Ireland remains a very conservative society. This is reflected in the RUC's seizure figures for last year, with a sharp de-cline in beroin (down from a kilo in 1994 to half a kilo) activities.

and cocaine (34 grammes down to just four). By con-

last year that figure rose to 157kg, while the number of ecstasy tablets recovered spiralled from 24,000 to al-law, not from the barrel of

a guo. **Detective Inspector Larry** Cheshire, of the RUC drugs squad, attributes much of this to the fact that his div-number of explanations ision has increased by 50 offer themselves. per cent in strength this

time throughout Northern Ireland. In his view both sets of

officer has been prepared to go when he said that Direct Action Against Drugs could not be sepa-rated from the IRA. Nobody ever seriously doubted that

The paramilitaries have most from the conse-quences of the dealers'

paramilitary arms has in-

The first is that the republican leadership is coming under pressure from its hardliners, who see no benefits from the ceasefire and are itching to

In his view both sets of paramilitaries are involved in the drugs trade. "The loyalists tend to be more hands on while the republi-cans go in for franchising and licensing of the selling." His chief, Detective Kayin reassert a militant agenda.

argument, however, is the oretically just as valid; that such shootings actually strengthen the position of the republican movement's "moderates" because they provide work for the idle hands of bored IRA volunteers and give the impres-

sion that a return to the war is imminent. occasionally issued threats of direct action against drug dealers, which they claim is popular in commu-nities which suffer the issued of the suffer the claim is popular in commu-nities which suffer the issued of the suffer the suffer the suffer the suffer the suffer the issued of the suffer the suffer the suffer the suffer the issued of the suffer the s tive stories that it is under pressure from the grassroots to abandon the cease

But Sinn Fein's rational-isation of the situation — blaming these "tragic" kill-control. During the visit of

Sainsbury's cuts 'fall short of price war'

Roger Cowe centrated on low prices, and rivals have matched the

SAINSBURY'S launched a chain's traditional strengtus in quality and own-label products. Tesco, Safeway, Asda and Waitrose have all immove was seen in some quarproved in the past couple of ters as the first step by the company's new marketing di-rector, Kevin McCarten, to years, tempting away traditional Sainsbury's shoppers. Discounts and special offers will be labelled "Sainsbury's January Savers". The camrestore its fortunes after a year of falling sales, it was paign will cover at least 100 lines at a time and will affect dismissed by rivals and industry analysts. Tesco described the camthe price of more than 300 paign as a repackaging exerproducts during the month. Some products will be halfcise. "They have just put all their price and manufacturprice. Other offers include a ers' promotions together and given it a name," a spokes-man said. Asda said Sainsbury's campaign was a shortpurchased. Sainsbury's than this." term gimmick. Sainsbury's has seen sales nearly 30 per cent on the Record takings, page 12

suffer as shoppers have con- | range of promoted products, centrated on low prices, and saving almost £20 on a £70 shopping basket. In the City, Sainsbury's share price fell by 3p, along with that of other supermarket groups. But analysts poured cold water on City fears of a price war, as happened two years ago. The campaign is seen as a tactical skirmish aimed at promoting a low-price image rather than the first strike in a price war. One analyst predicted that a more substantial battle would erupt in the spring. Jonathan Pritchard of UBS said: "This is an easy time to get some publicity, but this isn't a big move. When they free pack of sliced bread, jam, Battenburg cake or Novon soap powder for each pack do act it will be a lot bigger

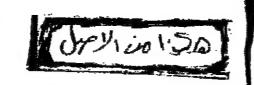
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recommendations for ad-

for an IRA "surrender," vancing the situation? Sinn Fein would find such proposals difficult to turn down. The mevitable prob-Senator Mitchell, Dublin fervently hopes, is hardly likely to endorse Mr Malem for the IRA is that every new initiative divests troduced into the peace pro-jor's demand for a token every new initiative divests cess also raises some in-triguing questions. Could but he might suggest other nearer Unionist demands the IRA be engaged in a ways of proving the repub-for its total disbandment. it of a role and brings a step



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Cure claim for Gulf war syndrome

aggie O'Kane

LEADING United States Aids experof scientists in London today that he has found the cause and a potential treatment for Gulf war syn-drome, a debilitating condition with multiple symptoms that 4,000 British veterans claim they contracted during the military campaign against Saddam Hussein. Howard Urnovitz, whose

research partners include the pioneering French Aids scien-tist Luc Montagnier, says the syndrome can be successfully treated with an antibiotic called dioxycycline, which attacks the cocktail of viruses that many experts say has led to the illness. Almost 500 British Gulf war

veterans are seeking compensation from the Government in the courts. The claim that Dr Urnovitz

has found a treatment follows a pilot treatment programme on six veterana. All six, he on six veterans, Au sur, says, showed dramatic imerans," he said. Last year Ms Judd preprovements within weeks.

call a man getting out of his wheelchair and walking dramatic," Dr Urnovitz said yesterday. The medical board of California's Veterans' Associa-tion hospital has agreed to

allow Dr Urnovitz to carry out further test on 500 veterans in a programme begin-ning on February 1. Sergeant Tom Hare, who

lives in Orange, Houston, was in a wheelchair when his wife Christine heard Dr Urnovitz speaking on television. She contacted him: "When we met Howard, I was dressing my husband because he was too

weak — his legs were collaps-ing. He could no longer hold himself up. He was waking up screaming in pain. "Our Vet-erans' Hospital in Houston." Texas, told him it was all in his mind. He started to take the doxycycline antibiotic, and within a month he was

out of the wheelchair. His hair stopped falling out and he was able to work." Sgt Hare said: "We hooked up with Howard and I've just got better and better. We were

at the end of the rope." Debbis Judd, who worked as a nurse in the Gulf war,

pain, and there was a general overall improvement. I've got a lot of faith in Dr Urnovitz. I think he's a genius," she said. Ms Judd, like Sgt Hare, be-lieure she was avroad to lieves she was exposed to chemical attacks in the Gulf. Dr Urnovitz believes it was exposure to chemical weapons that shattered the immune system of the veter-ans, already weakened by the vaccination they were given and the harsh conditions in the Gulf.

There has been controversy in Britain about the existence and causes of Gulf war syndrome. The Ministry of De-fence — which was criticised by the defence select commit-tee for its dismissive attitude towards the syndrome - has insisted allied troops did not come under chemical attack. Dr Urnovitz's research over

two years shows that the syndrome has in many cases been passed on to pariners, and has caused genetic de-fects. "Like rubella, it is being

passed on as a virus and can we believe, explain the birth defects in children of the vet-

sented a report to a US congressional research commit-tee based on a four-year survey of relatives of 10,051 Guif war veterans. She found that 51 per cent of the partners and 21 per cent of the children of veterans said they had experienced health

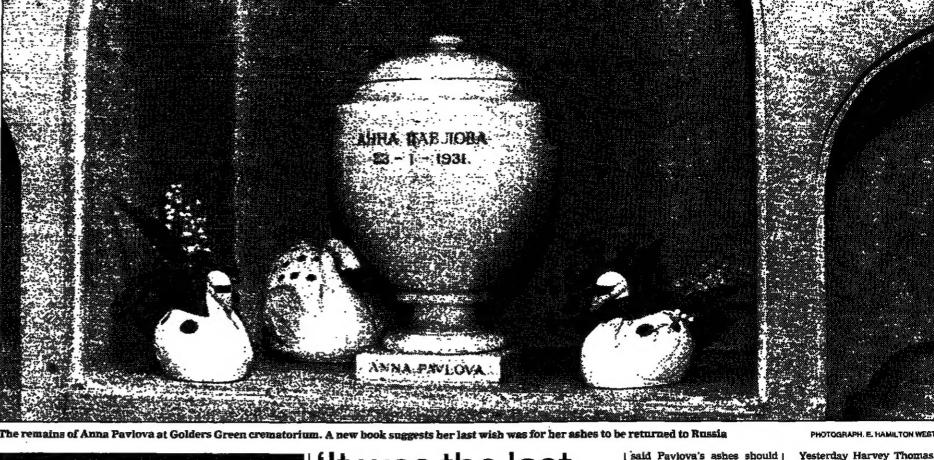
In Britain, at a meeting last October of the organisation Gulf Veterans And Their Families, 20 women said they had contracted the same illnesses as their husbands.

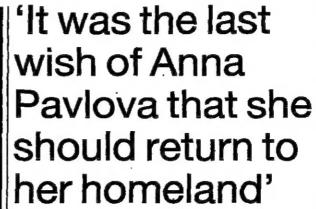
The collapse of the immune system is brought about when 'a switch is flicked in the body", according to Dr Urno-vitz. The body is then open to opportunistic infections".

A US researcher. James Tuite, who has led two Senate investigations into the syndrome, yesterday urged caution about Dr Urnovitz's claims, "There's no doubt this treatment is working, but the problem is that viruses can develop an immunity to some

antibiotics like doxycycline, and if they stop taking them then the disease can come back. But there is no doubt

that this treatment can at least arrest the progress of years. She started the treat-ment nine weeks ago. "It Maggie O'Kane's documentary made a significant difference, on the Gulf war will be shown took away joint and muscle tonight at 9 pm on Channel 4.





Sally Weale

HE ashes of Anna Pa-vlova the legendary Rus-sian ballerina, which have lain in a marble urn at Golders Green crematorium for more than half a century. are at the centre of a fresh controversy following the publication of a new book.

For years the dancer, who immortalised Saint-Saens's dying swan in 4,000 perfor mances, has been one of the star attractions at the north London crematorium, which also boasts the remains of Sig-mund Freud, H.G. Wells, and Gustav Holst, said Pavlova's ashes should remain at Golders Green in {

perpetuity. Mr Thomassen, who has led a campaign to have the balle-ring's remains repatriated, is challenging Dandre's legacy because he says the couple

"Dandré was a mafia gang-ster; a crook and villain. His shes lie under Anna's at the crematorium in Golders Green but they should be thrown in the bin," Mr Thomassen said yesterday. "Golders Green don't like

the idea of losing the ashes of Anna Pavlova," he said. "They are very proud of them. Her's is one of the most famous urns in the country. "But I have proved it was

the last wish of Anna Pavlova that she should return to her homeland

"I think it is a shame that a nerson who did so much for her fellow men cannot have such a simple wish granted." Mr Thomassen's book also claims to identify for the first time the illegitimate Pavlova's father as a wealthy Jew-

the Communist regime. Pavlova, whose haunting performances were an inspi-ration to all who saw her dance, died at the age of 50 in a hotel room in the Hague on

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a non-executive director of Golders Green crematorium. said that even if the book proved Dandré was not Pavlo-

va's husband, he still had the right to govern her estate as her business manager. "When he died in 1944 he

said her ashes should be kept in perpetuity in Golders Green crematorium." he said. "If a formal request was received from the Russian government that Pavlova's ashes should be sent to Russia, Dandre authorised the crematorium trustees to consider it, providing that appro-

priate honour, dignity and sacurity is given to her. "Not only has there been no

ish banker from St eterspurg. And it further explodes the

myth of Paviova's last words: 'Prepare my swan costume''. situation." Mr Thomassen says: 'In fact Pavlova asked her pri-Yesterday, however, Mr Thomassen remained adamant. "Anna Pavlova de-

Amsterdam last month, it appears she is being kept in Golders Green against her will The Dutchman Jean Thomassen, a balletomane and author of the book, claims to

have found conclusive evidence from previously unseen archives that Pavlova's dying wish was that her remains should be returned to her beloved Russia after the fall of

January 23, 1931. vate maid Margaritte to bring ber the designer dress she In the absence of a will, a ourt ruled that her business uncovered in a new book en-intitled Anna Pavlova: The Tri-band, Victor Dandre, should umph and Tragedy of a Me-gastar, published in He died in 1944, and his will one of her orphanages."

were never married.

request, there has never been

anything to consider." Even if a request was made Mr Thomas said that the cre-

matorium could not contemplate sending Paylova's ashes to Russia because their security could not be guaranteed.

As for her own alleged dying wish that she should go home, he said: "If there is any evidence, no one except Jean Thomassen has ever seen it. And even if there was evidence it wouldn't make any difference to the legal

Rushdie beats Anything goes, Booker winner to abuse-wise, Whitbread award on Capitol Hill

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

CALMAN RUSHDIE. Sthe world's most threatened writer. receives consolation today for his failure to win last year's Booker prize. Mr Rushdie, who has lived under an Iranian death threat for almost seven years, won a place on the shorilist for the £21.000 Whitbread Book of the Year for his novel The Moor's Last Sigh.

Among those he defeated to gain the Whitbread novel award was Pat Barker, who took the Booker with The Gbost Road when Mr Rushdie was the hottest favourite in the history of the £20,000 prize.

Mr Rushdie, aged 48, said last night: "It's always nice to receive recognition for a book. They take a long time to write and it's good to feel that people respond well to them

The Moor's Last Sigh bas sold 120,000 hardback copies in the United Kingdom and Australia in just under four months - better than any of his books apart from The Satanic Verses, the work that put his life in danger and was shortlisted for the Whithread in 1988. Mr Rushdie won the Booker prize in 1981 for Midnight's Children, which also won the Booker of Bookers, celebrating 25 years of the award, two

years ago. "I'm not so blase that I Bernard O'Donoghue for don't get excited by an Gunpowder.



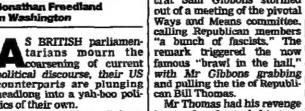
Rushdie: 'I'm not blasé; I'll take any prizes I can get'

award. It's a simple moment of pleasure to get pat-ted on the back. Ill take any prizes I can get. thanks," Mr Rushdie said. He was thinking about a new book. "I've got an idea that's half-formed but it's a little gleam in the eye at the

> Since failing to win last year's Booker, Mr Rushdie has been in a car crash south of Sydney, Australia, and incarcerated in a hotel

room in Santiago by Chil-ean authorities who feared for his safety.

He is certain to be favourite for the prize, which will be awarded later this month. The other four winners on the shortlist, each of whom receives £2,000, are: first novel, Kate Atkinson for Behind The Scenes At The Museum; children's novel, Michael Morpurgo for The Wreck Of The Zanzibar; biography, Roy Jen-kins for Gladstone; poetry,



crat Sam Gibbons stormed

later, when he took his turn

Republican John Mica wins

throwing attacks on Demo-

crats, was removed from the

House floor for railing

they were forced to withdraw blown-up copies of a tabloid

newspaper cartoon depicting

Mr Gingrich as a sobbing

per tantrum" constituted le-

Pavlova . . . haunting performances were inspirational

political discourse, their US counterparts are plunging headlong into a yah-boo poli-tics of their own. Decorum in House Debate,

in Washington

an internal review just pub-lished in Washington, has revealed that the US House of in the Speaker's chair. In-censed by Democratic invective, he silenced the oppos tion by shutting off the House Representatives is often an even ruder and rowdier place microphones. When several than its ancestor Westminster. Democrats suggested they might take a break to eat, Mr Thomas closed all the House in

The Congressional Research Service blamed unrestaurants. precedented "partisan ten-sions" for a slide in standards throughout 1995, with foul star hilling in the report's verbal abuse category, de-scribing President Clinton as language and even the odd brawl in the chamber. a "little bugger" a "Inthe bugger". Mr Mica's colleague and outside presidential candi-date Robert Dornan, known as B-2 Bob for his bomb-

Defying those US admirers who regularly tune in to Prime Minister's Questions on cable TV — believing that the British Parliament has the monopoly on choice insults - the report features a against Mr Clinton's 1960s op-position to the Vietnam war, catalogue of unparliamentary

conduct on Capitol Hill. During last month's debate over the deployment of US troops into Bosnia, Republiwhich culminated in his call-ing the commander-in-chief a "traitor." Democrats shot back, defaming their favour-ite bogeyman, House Speaker Newt Gingrich. In November can Randy Cunningham questioned the credibility of Dem-ocrat James Moran, alleging he had "turned his back on Desert Storm." That remark was too much for the Democrat, who shoved Mr Cunningham in the back on the way out of the chamber -baby, complete with nappy and dummy. A long debate ensued over whether the provoking a virtual punch-up terms "cry baby" and "teminvolving half a dozen members. Fists flew again when the

gitimate parliamentary lancurmudgeonly Florida Demo- | guage.

D'Oliveira had not set foot on this ground for 37 years, two years before Arlott found him a cricket club in Lancashire where he could be treated like a human being. And he had certainly never been in any presidential lunch rooms: he was confined to the old grass bank reserved for non-whites.

Matthew Engel



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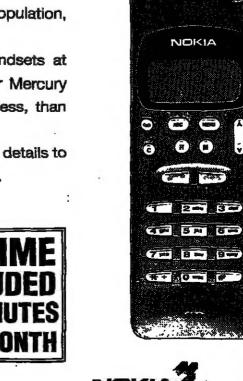
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Trouble brewing . . . Burst-blighted residents of Ashington, Northumberland, queueing for water from a tanker yesterday in an area with 'critical' problems protography owen HUNPHEVE

MP demands inquiry into water crisis

David Ward

ATER companies yesterday warned of a growing sup-ply crisis, as mil-lions of gallons continued to be lost from pipes fractured during the big thaw.

In Northumberland and Tyneside, Strathclyde, North-ern Ireland and parts of Leeds and Greater Manchester, tankers took water to thousands of consumers, while other users - particularly those living on high ground

powerless to deal with those in factories, offices and schools shut over the holiday. bria's head of public rela-tions, described the situation John Cuthbert, managing director of North West Water, as "pretty critical", and said bursts had caused an unprecsaid: "The situation is now edented drain on supplies. critical. We are putting as "Some areas have been much water as possible into the system but until we get on without water for a couple of days and others are at risk of top of our bursts and customlosing their water as demand ers get on top of theirs, we are still losing water." increases. We have plenty of water but we cannot get it Problems were worst in treated and supplied quick Strathclyde, where 500,000 customers were without water, and in the North-east

enough to satisfy demand." Because of shortages in the Ashington area, Northumberof England where Northum-bria Water estimated it was brought in a 5,000-gallon take their own containers. In - suffered severe falls in of England where Northum-water pressure. Companies bria Water estimated it was said new leaks were appear-losing 18 million gallons a bowser and two 300-gallon ap-parts of Ayrshire and Argyil, vision water companies had

ing as fast as they repaired | day, with 250,000 customers burst mains. They had been | cut off from mains supplies. pliances in case of a big fire. North West Water is strug-gling to keep reservoirs filled. Andrew Panting, Northum-We have the water but these local reservoirs are being drained faster than we can fill them," said a spokeswoman. 'Our managers say they have never seen anything quite

like this before A Strathclyde council spokesman said: "We are running very fast just to stand still." Yesterday the council called in eight tankers and 200 smaller vehicles to take water to collection points in stricken areas, to which

people were urged to boil made for such emergencies drinking water as some un-and if resources for coping treated water was put into the supply in order to avoid cutting off more areas. Yorkshire Water reported

more water into the system and boosting pumps. But bursts are still occurring."

said a spokesman. Chris Mullin, Labour MP for Sunderland South, has urged John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, to order an independent inquiry into sation on its merits."

with them had been increas

or cut since privatisation. British Gas has admitted

Yorkshire Water reported that about 6,000 customers in Leeds had suffered cuts in to fulfil its commitment to supplies. "We are putting thousands of its three-star service customers, who were left without heating for several days although it promised them an engineer would be sent within 24 hours of a fault being reported. A man said: "We have to spokesman said: "We have to hold up our hands. In some areas we were caught out over Christmas. We will con-sider every case for compenThe Guardian Wednesday January 3 1996

News in brief

Description of Bristol killing suspect issued

POLICE hunting the killers of Evon Berry, aged 37, the Bristol caretaker killed when he tried to stop a street robbery on New Year's Day, have issued a description of the man thought to have

Mr Berry was killed by a single shot to the head after he and two friends saw four men attacking another man in the St Paul's area of

friends saw four men attacking another man in the St Paul's area of the city. The gang drove off after the shooting. Avon and Somerset police said yesterday one of the four men involved in the attack was seen brandishing a gun, believed to be a 32 calibre pistol. He was described as in his early 20s, of mixed race, 6ft tail and shim with short black hair. He was wearing a blue denim shirt and trousers and white training shoes. A police spokesman said four or five shots were fired during the

A police spokesman said four or five shots were fired during the incident in which Mr Berry's friends — brothers in their 30s were injured. One of the injured men remained under armed guard in a Bristol hospital yesterday with a gunshot wound to his side. The other, who suffered head injuries after being pistol-whipped, has been discharged. — Geoffrey Gibbs

Boys dies of meningitis

A TWO-year-old boy died of suspected meningitis and three other boys are believed to be suffering from the disease, it was revealed

yesterday. The boy who died became ill at home in Huyton, Merseyside, on Thursday. His parents took him to Whiston hospital that night when he developed red blotches on his stomach. He died at 1.30am on Friday. Two three-year-old boys were improving at the hospi-tal yesterday and an 11-year-old boy has been transferred to Alder Her children's bospital Userrool

Hey children's hospital, Liverpool. A spokeswoman for Whiston hospital said the Public Health Laboratories had been alerted and found no evidence of a connec-tion between the cases. "They all came from different areas and the number of cases is not considered unusual for the time of year," she added.

Hospital rejects donation

A RAUNCHY dance troupe which raised almost \$500 for one of the world's most famous children's hospitals has been told its donation is not wanted. The five friends, who perform in leotards, stockings and suspenders, gave a charity performance at their local pub for Great Ormond Street hospital, where one has a son under constant treatment.

But fund raisers at the hospital have refused the cash on the prounds the group — Fan Attack — was too racy. The dancers who had spent 10 weeks rehearsing for the performance, received a letter on the day they were due to perform, dissociating the

hospital from the event. The dance organisers said the cash would be donated to a special school for disabled children. A spokeswoman for Great Ormond Street said the hospital believed the women were going to do an "erotic" dance in a packed pub. While donations were welcomed, the hospital did not want its name linked with the performance.

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Deportation ad attacked

THE Nigerian High Commission in London came under fire from anti-deportation campaigners yesterday over an advertisement which appeared in yesterday's Guardian aimed at discrediting

Nigerians seeking asylum in Britain. "The Nigerian government seems to believe that an unlimited budget can be used to legitimise the unjustifiable... In recent months the whole world has seen the true nature of the brutal regime which imposes its will on that country," the Onibiyo Family Anti-Deportation Campaign said yes terday.

The addrew attention to the case of Ade Onibiyo, aged 20, a Nigerian asylum seeker who was given a temporarty stay of deportation last month and whose case is going for judicial review. Mr Onibiyo says his father Abdul was a pro-democracy activist.

who has not been heard of since he was deported to Nigeria in October. In the ad, the High Commission denies he has been held ces Traccus e count

Howard told of Dorrell puts social 'lethal' visa ban services under review

Suzanno Goldenberg in New Delhi

OUTH Asian human Srights groups have appealed to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to reconsider banning Indian asylum seekers from Britain, saying deportees face arrest and torture on their return.

Ravi Nair, director of the South Asian Human Rights Documentation Centre, said all returnees may face police harassment and extortion, but those with political involvement — especially Sikhs -- could face death.

"If the deportee has genuine political connections with the Sikh armed opposition or their sympathisers, torture, arrest and detention would be the least he or she would face," Mr Nair said in his letter to Mr Howard.

The Home Secretary started the first day of a tour of India. Pakistan and Bangladesh in Bombay yesterday, with a visit to the Salvation Army return to India. headquarters and Asha Daan, a Mother Theresa home. He also sat in on two visa interviews at the consulate.

Human rights activists and David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent lawyers in Punjab, where Sikh militants are fighting for a separate state, say any mi-grant who is forcibly returned comes under suspi-

AREVIEW of social ser-vices spending ordered by cion by the authorities. ministers yesterday will prove that local authorities are underfunded for their growing duties, social ser-"The chances are at least 70 per cent he will end up dead," said Rupinder Singh Sodhi, a lawyer at Delhi's supreme vices directors believe.

court. 'The moment a person Private care providers are calling for the review to conis deported and lands at Delhi airport we move the court imsider stripping local authorimediately to ensure his safety. If the court drags its feet then the man is dead." Ranjan Lakhanpal, a lawties of responsibility for direct care, leaving them instead to be purchasers of ser-

vices from other bodies. yer at the Punjab high court in Chandigarh, added: "If The review was announce by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, to mark the their parents or relatives can pay money to police people then they are released. If they 25th anniversary this year of modern social services de-partments. Research cited by the minister has suggested there was a 10 per cent fall in can't pay then they are killed." Activists say a ban

the efficiency of social ser-vices during the 1980s. Tad Kubisa, president of the Association of Directors asylum seekers could be le-thal, and western countries should make public the names of deporte es and moniof Social Services, said the review would show that an tor their fate after their However, Mr Howard yes-terday denied that the revised ageing population and the withdrawal of the health ser-

immigration laws were aimed at Indians. "Our laws are colour blind," he said.

Sarah Boseley

MAN whose struggle with a burglar at his home resulted in the death of the intruder, wept yesterday over the experience which he said he feared

would charge his life. Asked what effect the death of Robert Ingham, aged 22, would have on him, Niklos Baungariner, aged 53, said: "I will never be a man again." Derbyshire police release Mr Baungartner after questioning, but a spokeswoman said yesterday the file would be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, which is usual in cases of death from unnatural causes.

Mr Barlow said that be-cause of this his client could answer no questions about the incident or his feelings towards Derbyshire police and their treatment of him. The decision for the CPS

will be whether Mr Baun-gartner used reasonable force to defend his property. Ingham was found dead on the driveway of Mr Baun-gartner's home in Ockbrook, vice from long-term care had added substantially to the social service workload.

burglar killed in struggle the man ... has died and police inquiries have ensued Mr Baungartner was

Niklos Baungartner ... wept over death of burglar

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treated in hospital for inju-ries suffered in the struggle. Mr Barlow said his client had gone through a terrifying ordeal. He suffered a broken wrist

and a black eye in the struggle. No weapons were in-volved in the fight, which began in the house and spilled out into the garden. Mr Baungariner went to a neighbour for help. When police arrived, Mr Ingham, aged 32, was dead, with a broken neck.

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, said recently at the Police Super-intendents' Association conference that those who used force to defend themselves should be treated more sympathetically within the crimi-nal justice system.

noon. Mr Baungartner's solic-itor. Stuart Barlow, said yes-terday his client had returned Mr Baungartner is believed to have moved to Britain from Hungary in the 1950s and to have built up a prosperous business. He has lived in the home and surprised an

gartner's home in Ockbrook, "He ... was involved in a village of Ockbrook for 15 Derby, on Saturday after- struggle with a man who had years.

damaging the image of the country. - Gary Younge

JCB driver banned

A MAN who went shopping driving a JCB digger while he was banned from driving was jailed for five months yesterday. Andrew Morris, aged 27, an unemployed construction worker, parked the digger in a disabled vehicles zone at an Asda store in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. He went inside to do some shopping. leaving the JCB blocking cars outside, magistrates at Morley, near Leeds, were told.

Morris, of Healey Drive, Ossett, West Yorkshire, was banned from driving at the time but said he did not know the ban included diggers. He admitted driving while disqualified and was banned for a further year and jailed for five months.

but a turther year and gamen for two instants. Phillip Howell, defending, told the court that Morris, who bought the digger for \$5,000 two weeks earlier, had no idea his driving ban extended to all vehicles. Morris also pleaded guilty to driving without insurance and admitted two other charges of driving a car while disgualified.

High street passports

TRAVELLERS can apply for passports through high street post offices and travel agents, under Home Office rules that came into

offices and travel agents, there more only in uses that cause into force yesterday. The UK Passport Agency has teamed up with the Post Office and Artac WorldChoice travel agents — which represents 500 independent travel agents throughout the UK — by opening 2,000 extra outlets for passports. It will still be possible to apply under existing arrangements. Turnound times for applications have dropped from a maxi-num 95 working days in 1989 to 16 in 1994. The target for 1996 is an

mum 95 working days in 1969 to 16 in 1994. The target for 1996 is an average seven days. — Rebecco Smithers

Guardian critic's prize

JAMES Hall, the Guardian's art critic, has won the first Bernard Denvir memorial prize. It goes to the writer judged the outstand-ing young art critic by the British section of the International Association of Art Critics. Mr Denvir was a former chairman.



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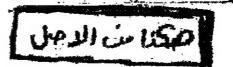
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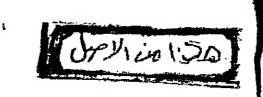
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Arthritis doctors take a step forward

Chris Mihill on a medical advance

Rear Ly all arthritis pa-tients can be helped with drugs, painkillers or exercise therapy to control their symptoms and a few can be completely cured, researchers said yesterday. Increasing surgical skills and knowledge meant more joints could be replaced, but the Arthritis and Rheuma. the Arthritis and Rheuma-tism Council hopes new chemical and genetic inter-ventions could prevent the

ventions could prevent the need for surgery. A report from the council to mark the charity's 60th year strikes an upbeat note about progress against the illness. But specialists cautioned that much remained to be done, and that an increasing done, and that an increasing done, and that an increasing elderly population meant a growing burden of pain and disability for which insuffi-cient health service money was being provided.

Paul Disppe, ARC professor of rheumatology at Bristol university and author of the report, said that 10 per cent of the British population was af-fected by arthritis, but treatment was improving and a growing scientific under-standing of what caused the condition was opening up the

haps 10 to 20 per cent." Professor Dieppe told a press conference in London that it was now possible to replace most of the major joints in the body, although with varying degrees of suc-cess, but it would be a long time before a neck replace-ment was possible king had ment was possible. Hips had turned out to be the easiest of

in Britain. with the chemical messengers joint replacement operations replaced which go into overdrive to — eight in all — said that the replaced damage joints were living up technology, together with sion ope to their early promise. "We drugs to keep her symptoms and feet. knees, elbows, and finger

want to get to a position whereby joints don't get smashed up, so there is no need for a replacement." Pat Froomberg, who holds the record for the person in Britain who has had the most

pain.

replacements, three elbow replacements, and both hips replaced, as well as joint fu-

Mrs Froomberg, aged 64, from Hampstead, north Lon-don, has had three knee joint

sion operations in her wrists

BRITAIN 5 Police hail drink-drive **SUCCESS**

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

drink-drive campaign, it has proved to be a great success. HE number of posi-tive breath tests over the Christmas and new year period fell Comments that new govern-ment guidelines on safe drinking would give out the wrong message have proved to be unfounded."

by 8 per cent, according to fig-ures published yesterday. The results were hailed as a success for the seasonal anti-Andrew Howard, head of road safety at the Auomobile Association, said: "For the fourth year running, the drink drive campaign, and as number of positive breath tests over the festive season a sign of the continuing change in attitudes towards drinking and driving. Positive tests in England and Wales totalled 4.330, com-pared with 4,706 over the through.

Police Officers. But the number of tests car-

with 58 positive.

has come down, proving that the 'don't drink and drive' message is finally getting same period last year, accord-"Britain's drink-drive prob-

some groups at the launch of

the Government's Christmas

ing to figures announced by the Association of Chief lem is caused by a small mi-nority of motorists who continue to ignore the legal limit and deliberately flout the law. It is these persistent offenders who need to be targeted, and the Government must keep the pressure on if drinking and driving is to be reduced even further," said Mr

there was a big rise in the South-west.

incidents occurring very close to people's homes," said Devon and Cornwall's deputy chief constable, John Albon. "It could well be that the cold weather has made them use the car more often than they might for these short jour-neys. There is a trend for people to be involved to be middle-aged and middle in-come, there is no tearaway

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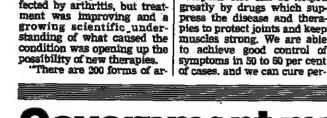


Richard Norton-Taylor on an embarrassing . time for ministers and mandarins when the Scott report is finally published

Although the judge may tone down his criticisms, it is believed Mr Waldegrave has not been cleared. Mr Clark and Lord Trefgame will also be criticised. John Major is likely to be given the benefit of the doubt.

Although Mr Major failed to give an accurate account to Parliament about policy





Arthritis victim Jasmine Gardner, 22 months, who helped launch the council's anniversary celebrations with actor Andrew Sachs thritis, but for some forms people can be completely cured. Gout is now effectively curable in nearly every case. It is fair to say that nearly everyone else can be helped greatly by drugs which sup-press the disease and therapies to protect joints and keep muscles strong. We are able to achieve good control of symptoms in 50 to 60 per cent the joints to replace, but

replaced, and occasionally shoulders, ankles and toes. Some 50,000 hips and 40,000 kneees are replaced each year Professor Dieppe said there was continuing excitement that treatments to interfere

PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER joints were regularly | want to put joint replacement | in check, had enabled her to surgeons out of business. We live a normal life, whereas

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of caution, given that 22 per cant of those who gave posi-tive tests had been involved in an accident," said Mr Williams "In all there were 939 alco-hol-related accidents," he added. "This cannot be acceptable."

Edmund King, head of cam-paigns for the Royal Automo-bile Association, said: "De-spite the vocal criticisms of Leader comment, page 3

ried out by individual forces varied between the two years. In Cleveland, there were 1,080 tests, of which 30 were posi-tive, against 1,475 last year David Williams, chief con-stable of Surrey and the Howard. Despite the fall nationally. chairman of the ACPO's traf-fic committee, welcomed the drop but said there was no "It does appear there have been people who have decided to take the chance, with the room for complacency. "While the overall reduc-tion should be welcomed, it must be treated with a degree

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HE Government would not be able to dismiss the "nightmare" of the forthcoming Scott report on arms sales to Iraq, and must fully accept its conclusions, a Tory MP said yestarday.

The warning from Sir Teddy Taylor, the Euro-scep-tic and independent-minded MP for Southend East, came as ministers prepare a dam-

age limitation exercise to counter the devastating criticisms in the judge's report, al-most certainly to be published next month. Sir Teddy told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "The

Scott inquiry will be a real nightmare because we all know it's going to say some pretty horrible things ... The crucial thing is that if he says something harsh and nasty,

If Scott says Mr A and Mr B made an error of judgment, and a serious error of judgment, I would chuck them in

Dismissive comments about Sir Richard Scott's inabout Sir Richard Scott's in quiry doing the rounds in Westminster and Whitehall betray deep anxiety as senior civil servants and ministers brace themselves for his report. Beneath its carefree veneer, Whitehall is aware it will wreck reputations, and, more important in the long run, shake up Britain's entire machinery of government. Leaked extracts of Sir Rich-

Teddy Taylor ... I would chuck them in the Thames'

former Foreign Office minis-ter, of misleading MPs about government policy towards arms sales to Iraq, and for in-duiging in "sophistry" by claiming the secret decision in 1988 to relax controls on weapon exports to Iraq did not amount to a change in policy.

"Parliament and the pub-lic," said the judge, "were de-signedly led to believe that a different policy ... was being applied than was the case. we have got to accept it.

Answers to parliamentary questions in both Houses failed to inform Parliament of the state of government pol-icy. This failure was deliber-ate and was the inevitable result of the agreement be-troom the threat union minithe Thames as quickly as possible." Sir Teddy said.

tween the three junior ministers [Mr Waldegrave, Alan Clark, and Lord Trefgarne] that no publicity should be given to the decision." Mr Waldegrave has since sent the judge more than 100 sent ute junge more than 100 pages of documents in an at-tempt to rebut the damaging criticisms, which he said were unfair. "I happen to have the unusual feeling here that I know in my heart that I didn't deliberately misland ard's draft report accused William Waldegrave, Chief didn't deliberately mislead

towards Iraq. Sir Richard is expected to conclude that he believed his statements to MPs were accurate.

His finger will point to offi-cials in the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade and Industry, as well as junior ministers, for advising their

political masters publicly to maintain the fiction that the Government's policy on arms sales to Iraq had not changed. Tory MPs seem to be more concerned about the prosecu tion of three directors of the Matrix Churchill machine tool firm charged with evad-ing export controls. The case against them collapsed after the trial judge overturned Public Interest Immunity certificates designed to prevent crucial evidence of government connivance in the trade. The four ministers who signed the certificates will escape blame, but Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, will be criticised for his hand-

ling of the prosecution. So too, will officials across Whitehall who interfered in prosecution witness statements and persuaded DTI officials to give misleading evidence.

Sir Richard heard from 270 witnesses, either verbally or in writing, and was supplied by Whitehall with over 150,000 pages of documents. "The Government will con-test vigorously that Scott has intervidence interpreted the evidence fairly." says a senior Whitehall official. Sir Richard may think the true judge of that should be Parliament and the William Waldegrave, Chief anyone. That gives me a feel-Secretary to the Treasury and ing of strength" public.

Firm's £70m deal to run written driving test

DETAILS of the written theory test for learner drivers were released yester. They will have to answer 35 questions based on the Highday as a £70 million contract was awarded to run the way Code and road safety matters and picked from a bank of about 600 questions. The Driving Standards Au-

It is still to be decided how many they will have to get thority announced that a newly-formed company, Driright. There will be four types veSafe Ltd, had won the fiveof theory test for learners: one year contract for the written part of the driving test, which learners will have to sit from each for motorcycle. car, learners will have to sit from lorry and bus and coach July 1 this year as well being drivers.

> as it turned out. Duncan Campbell

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about 40 minutes and cover up to 12 topics, including driver attitude, traffic signs, tal aspects of vehicles.

After the first six months of its operation, learners will have to pass the written test

The written test will last

Ireland was so interested in the notion of

such killing that he consulted Newsweek

to find out how many he had to kill - four

the effects of alcohol, drugs and fatigue and environmen-The fee for this test is ex-pected to be £13 to £15.

before being allowed to take the road test. BUT THERE ARE THREE **ABBEY** One of the most recent serial killers, Colin

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The Guardian Wednesday January 3 1996

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The ICAC wants Mr Lui ex-

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joined the traffickers himself,

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FBI and Hong Kong's ICAC.

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Hong Kong police believe extradition of an ex-employee from US would help smash smuggling ring

BAT plots China offensive

Chris McGreal in Johannesburg

URUNDI'S president, Sylvestre Ntibantun-ganya, has blamed saboteurs within the overnment and army extremists for dragging the country to the brink of total collapse through civil war and ethnic cleansing.

The Hutu president's chief political rival, the Tutsi prime minister, Antoine Nduwayo, has also warned that "the ideology of exclu-sion and genocide" is gaining ground. But the two men dif-fer on who is responsible for a conflict that has already cost

100,000 lives. In a New Year's Day mes-sage, President Ntibantun-ganya blamed "fanatics" among the Hutu majority and Tutsi minority for intensifying killing that Amnesty In-ternational says claims more than 1,000 lives a month.

But the president's most significant criticism was of those responsible for "con-frontation and destruction" within the government and "undisciplined elements" in the Tutsi-dominated army.

Although free elections in 1993 theoretically ended Tutsi political domination, an elite among the minority has continued to frustrate a shift of power to Hutus. It began with the army's assassination of Burundi's first Hutu president, which set the civil war in motion. It has continued with Tutsi hardliners gener-ating a series of paralysing political crises while the military conducts a vicious ethnic cleansing of Hutus from the capital, Bujumbura, and other areas under the guise of

combating anti-Tutsi militias. The president said: "Security forces and the administration must understand they have no other raison d'être than the protection of the interests of our people, whose primary interest is the right to life. In this struggle, the ople must not be regarded as an object which can be manipulated to achieve whatever goals you want to attain.

"It is time Burundians, no-tably those within the state apparatus, put an end to certain destructive tendencles, if any, weapons were seized. dangerous waverings and

particularly to the paralysing approach of confrontation Andrew Higgins and destruction. It is by this in Hong Kong path that peace can be and Leonard Dovie attaine

But while the president has stated more clearly than before the true nature of Burundi's crisis, he is powerless to rein in those responsible ... Effective power lies with Mr Nduwayo, who walks a fine line between the Tutsl ex-tremists in his cabinet and more moderate elements. It is

not always clear on which side of the line he stands. On Saturday he gave a simi lar warning to the presi-dent's, but the prime minister

blamed the country's troubles on Hutu militias, accusing nies, including BAT. them of planning a genocide of Tutsis to match that in neighbouring Rwanda.

The ideology of exclusion and genocide ... continues to gain ground so that if we do not watch out, our country

Civil war claims more than 1,000 lives a month,

says Amnesty

will fall under the dictator-ship of extremists and the perpetrators of genocide," he said.

But last month Amnesiv In ternational attributed the bulk of the killings to the army, and blamed Mr Nduwayo's administration

for failing to control it. Apart from the targeting of politicians and other prominent Hutus, wholescale mas sacres are increasingly fre-quent. More than 2,000 people have been killed in at least five massacres since Novem ber. About 400 people died in a single attack near Bujumbura. according to Amnesty. It said there were reports that civilians were lured to a school, ostensibly for their own protection, and then shot

bayonetted to death. Last month, about 300 Hutu civilians were murdered by the army in an operation portrayed as counter-insurgency against Hutu militias. But victims were many of the women and children and few,

lion in China, to BAT's

At the centre of BAT's Asian strategy is the future of its state of the art Southamp-ENIOR executives of the cigarette multinational Britton plant analysts say is geared almost exclusively to. the production of premium cigarettes for the Chinese market. Sales to China conish-American Tobacco will gather in Hong Kong today to plot Project Battalion, the codetributed £200 million to name for a new corporate strategy targeted at China and other emerging markets. 300 million to the firm's profits last year. The bulk of foreign cigarettes sold in China Cigarette sales to China are a highly controversial subject are smuggled, however, by in-dependent distributors, and contraband cigarettes sold there account for a large

Korea and the Philippines. BAT has refused to give figproportion of the profits of the world's tobacco compaures for its cigarette sales in China, where company sales are limited to hard-currency The BAT conclave, to be attended by company bosses from London and across the outlets like tourist shops. The company denies any in-

volvement in smuggling and Asia-Pacific region, high lights the growing impor-tance of Third World smokinsists it has no control over so-called "informal channels"

other foreign cigarettes flow in abundance into China once they have passed out of the cigarette companies' hands. As well as being a big source of profits. however, Asia has also given the com-pany one of its biggest head-

ganisation of its tobacco business. Starting this month, - allegations that for a new company, British Contraband cigarette sales in Beijing

provide a big proportion of world profits

mer BAT executives in Hong | American Tobacco (Holdings) Kong took bribes from a | Ltd, assumes overall control. smuggling syndicate. | Foreign tobacco companies Today's meeting coincides now provide no more than with efforts by the colony's 4 per cent of the 1,700 billion Independent Commission cigarettes smoked annually Against Corruption (ICAC) to extradite a former Hong Kong-based BAT manager BAT's share in this and other om the United States. In an attempt better to co-largely unaffected by the director in Hong Kong from from the United States.

ers, particularly the 450 mil- i through which its own and ordinate promotion and sales | health concerns that have | 1991 to 1993. He was taken into custody at Boston airport of global brands such as State dented profits in the West. In a sign of the importance BAT attaches to China, Mar-Express 555, Mao Zedong's favourite cigarette and nov tin Broughton, the group popular with millions of Chichief executive at BAT Indusnese, BAT Industries has emtries, is attending it, along he took HK\$25 million (£2.1 million) in bribes from barked on a large-scale reorwith other senior manager Laura Knight, senior corpo rate affairs manager for BAT in Hong Kong, said he would be discussing the new structure of the company for the Asian market and its sales

Philippin Hong Kong police believe his return would help crack strategy. Thanks in part to strong performance in Asia, the the colony's largest smug-gling case and shed light on the inner workings of a multifirm's fastest-growing export market, BAT last year raised billion dollar international ts share of the world tobacco tobacco trafficking network. business to 10.6 per cent.

China seized 510,000 cases The latest episode in a long saga illustrating the murkler side of the cigarette trade of smuggled cigarettes in 1994, only a tiny fraction of smuggled cigarettes said to started on December 20 with cost Beijing more than with the arrest in Boston of Jerry Lui, BAT's commercial \$1 billion in lost revenue a



Poor stay cold in Kobe's ashes

the plight of those who suffered most in last year's quake

Supering the set of th its poorer areas to ashes.

The glittering shops and designer boutiques of the Sannomiva district look as exclusive and expensive as ever. The port won an interna-tional award for the speed with which it got back to busine

But Father Peter Hiroshi Kanda is afraid that the rest of the world is forgetting Kobe just when it most needs a helping hand.

'Sannomiva has been cleaned up, but not restored." he says. "When you get be-hind the facades there are still problems.

"In any case, no one lives there. The effects of the earthguake are still spreading in the lives of ordinary people when the rest of the world has

forgotten." Fr Kanda's parish is in Takatori, in the middle of the low-income Nagata ward, the most devastated area of Kobe. Much of it burned down com-pletely, including his church. Only a statue of the Sacred Heart survived unscathed.

"Immediately after the earthquake everyone was equal," he says. "But now the rich are rich, and the poor are poor, and the gap between them is growing and will grow wider this year."

He points outside. After the earthquake it was a waste-land dotted with sad memorials - bunches of flowers, oranges, pots of water, sake and church only after it burned



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Kevin Rafferty on their last journey — mixed up with shoes, shirts and toys which somehow escaped the

fire. Most of it is still bare, but a couple of solid new houses have been built by rich people. Red pegs mark out plots, and one family has left its dog chained to its kennel to ward off intruders.

The real battles are beginning, Fr Kanda says. New city regulations requiring parks and wider roads to act as fire-breaks will deny 10 per cent of the land to housing.

pencil thin.

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok "Some of the poorer people have already had to sell their land to survive. For others, the restrictions mean that un-less they can co-operate with U their neighbours the only houses they can build will be

blow as his headquarters on the border with Thailand fell to Burmese troops without "In some areas they are at the mercy of the rich, who hold big plots of land surresistance.

rounded by smaller ones." More than 1,000 people, in-cluding some of his Vietnamese immigrant parishioners, are still living in tents. One, Phee-san, was so traumatised by his hours buried alive he has passed most of the last year like an zombie.

Thanks to Fr Kanda he was given leather to resume his trade of shoemaker. Fr Kanda removed his new handmade shows at mass last week to show the congregation — and all Japan, watching the public

service channel NHK. Fr Kanda's activities have made him known throughout Japan. His New Year mid-night mass was floodlit by NEK, which made Takatori States vie for control of Ellis Island

the focus of its national welcome to 1996. He has a new chapel de signed by a Tokyo architect. although he accepted it only

community. "The church became a real

lan Katz in New York on the condition that it should be the focus for a new O THE millions of immigrants who disem-

barked there after fleeing the Old World, it did

not matter much which state owned Ellis Island; it was simply America, land of the free. To the governments of

New York and New Jersey, it matters an awful lot. This spring the US Supreme Court is to resolve the dispute for good after two cen-

turies of fighting between the neighbouring states about who has jurisdiction over the tiny, U-shaped island which became Ameron Saturday for details ica's largest immigrant processing centre. At first glance it seems



Opium warlord's highland den falls to Burmese army assault

own battles for territory and

control of the drug trade. As a result, drugs intelli-gence officers and diplomats PIUM warlord Khun Sa's standing as the kingpin of Burma's in Rangoon and Bangkok harmountainous north-eastern bour no illusion that Khun Sa's defeat will have any im-pact for the foresseable future on the flow of narcotics from the Golden Triangle, span-ning Burma, Laos and Thai-land endersed to supply After decades of sporadic warfare between Rangoon land, and reckoned to supply 60 per cent of the heroin and Khun Sa, aged 61, who dominated south-east Asia's reaching the United States.

As the Wa and other minority armies whittled down ter-ritory under Khun Sa's conheroin production and exports, the Burmese army took ust two days to move more trol, they opened heroin than 1,000 troops into Ho-mong, the headquarters of his refineries in areas close to Burma's border with China. To the alarm of US officials Mong Tai army in Burma's north-eastern Shan state, acand regional governments. cording to reports reaching the Thai capital yesterday. their advent has seen heroin smuggled to Western markets The Burmese army build-up on the border was made by increasingly diverse routes via China, Vietnam, possible by a series of agree-Cambodia and Thailand. ments between Rangoon and other formerly rebellious eth-

surprising that the owner-

ship is contestable. Ellis

New Jersey's side of the

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Hudson River which sepa-

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stretched to the New Jersey bank of the Hudson, giving

The wrangle is compli-

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of the island is man-made.

New Jersey accepts New

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rates the two states.

Island lies just north of the views New Jersey's claim Statue of Liberty, easily on as the thin end of the

3.5 acres - but insists that | thousands of dollars in rev-

However, the state boundary was not defined pire State Building."

nic minorities, notably the throughout the rainy season lysts estimated he spent Wa, who are engaged in their months in the latter half of £5 million a month on his 1995, when intelligence army

reports suggested up to 10,000 Burmese troops had gathered around the MTA base. In the end, Homong's fall to Burmese troops followed barons.

rumours of clandestine contacts with Khun Sa himself, prompting one Rangoon-based diplomat to describe it as "a negotiated takeover". In 30 years as Burma's drug kingpin, Khun Sa became a

target of the US Drug Enforce-ment Agency rivalled only by Colombian cocaine cartel leaders such as Pablo Escobar.

half-Chinese, half-Shan warlord ran an army of 8,000 to 15,000 men, supplied with more modern weapons than Rangoon's forces and operating with seeming impunity in the remote and rugged border regions. He posed as a free-

keting of amphetamines to

wedge. "They are creeping up," said Judith Kramer,

the state lawyer represent-

ing New York's interests.

'Next they'll want the Em-

Both states have assem bled mountains of histori-

cal evidence to back up

their claims. New York sub-

mitted a 1776 map pub-

lished in London which

shows the island within its

boundaries. New Jersey hit

back with US war depart-

ment charts referring to

"Ellis Island, New Jersey".

At stake are hundreds of

But any US satisfaction at

his declining fortunes will be offset by the knowledge that his place has been taken by another generation of drug

Khun Sa's prospects were clearly on the wane when he announced his "retirement" ast November after a rift in the MTA between ethnic Chi-nese and Shan leaders led to a

walkout by at least 1,000 men. Rangoon had for some time exploited Thai leaders' growing interest in the business opportunities emerging in Until a year or two ago the

Burma to put pressure on Bangkok authorities to shut down what have been Khun Sa's main supply routes. Thai authorities said last year that growing pressure from other drug trafficking groups had forced Khun Sa to turn to production and mar-

The Burmese advance fol-lowed a build-up of forces omy for Shan state. Some ana-maintain cash flow.



group said yesterday. Philip Veerman of Defence for Children International in Geneva said at least 25 Pales-tinians under 18 were being held as adults in the Ketziot prison in southern Israel. According to the Israeli watchdog group B'Tselem the guards were not protecting them from violence at the hands of the adult prisoners,

Youths held

'illegally'

he said. B'Tselem alleged that dozens of Ketzoit inmates had been badly injured and two had died in recent prison violence.

Israel, which has already released all Palestinian pris-oners under 16, should free those under 18, Mr Veerman said. - AP.

Algerian rebel surrenders

The second-ranking leader of an Algerian militant armed group has turned himself in to authorities, according to a statement released yesterday

New York, which cur-rently controls Ellis Island. more if tentative plans to by security services. It said Larbi Mezrag, be-lieved to be the No 2 in the more if tentative plans to build a hotel or convention centre go ahead. Islamic Salvation Army, gave Some New Yorkers see a himself up in the region of Jidarker agenda. They susjel. The government has ofpect New Jersey would use pect New Jersey would use fered an amnesty to armed control of part of Ellis militants. - AP.

> New Jersey, siphoning off valuable tourists from its on New Year's Day, local newspapers and the News

Agency of Nigeria said yester-Not that New York would day. Among those released admit to competition with | was the former leader of the

Killer cakes

Traditional Japanese New Year delicacies, sticky rice days - elderly people who Day plunge - AP.

LEAVY snows in the main sanctuaries of the Monarch butterfly in central Mexico have killed mil-lions of the distinctive orange and black insects.

PHOTOGRAPH: LINDA SEEGER SALAZAR

Monarchs hit

by heavy snow

The weather may have killed between 30 and 50 per cent of the delicate butterflies in certain areas. "The butterflies are very vulnerable. Up to half of them may have been killed," said Homero Aridjis, president of the Group of 100, Mexico's main environmental group. Environmentalists say

that deforestation in sancturaries set up for the but-terflies has damaged breed-ing grounds, ruining the cover that allows them to

survive bad weather. The Monarchs migrate north to the United States and Canada each year, spending the winter in Mexico. - Reuter.

choked to death, officials said yesterday. - AP.

Costa Rica kidnap

Heavily armed gunmen stormed a hotel in northern Costa Rica and abducted two European women into nearby mountains, the government said yesterday. - Reuter.

Out of Rwanda

Aid workers said yesterday Rwandan authorities had expelled all staff of the French wing of Médecins Sans Fron-tières last week and confis-cated some vehicles. - Reuter.

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Bloody new year

Ninety-seven people were killed in car accidents and acts of violence across Colombia over the New Year holiday, a local newspaper said yesterday. - Reuter.

Frozen stiff

A 73-year-old Canadian who believed his winter swims brought vigour to his life colcakes, claimed at least four | lapsed and died minutes after victims in 1996's first two taking his annual New Year's

stared at the Manhattan skyline. "Those looking at 24 acres created by landfill enue from visitors to the is-lie in its territory. New Jersey were few and land's immigration mu- far between."

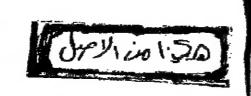
Island to push through a controversial scheme to Nigerians freed build a pedestrian bridge Nigeria's military authorities between the island and freed six political detainees

its drab neighbour. One of oil union Nupeng. — Reuter.

its arguments in court submissions is that immigrants sailing into the bay

nore glamorous rival.

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Serbs detain Sarajevans for prisoner exchanges

Abductions test Nato's resolve

Julian Borger In Sarajevo

ponsibility of the two parties to the agreement (the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Bos-nian Serbs) to guarantee free-ATO is facing the first significant test of its determination to implement the dom of movement. I-FOR, he said, could only work to cre-ate "a secure environment". Nato spokesmen say it will Dayton peace plan: the disappearance of several Bosnian civilians while travelling through Serb areas of Sarajevo.

The government has accused the Bosnian Serb police of abducting 16 people ual incidents. So far there are only a handful of UN police in Bos-nia, and Mr Bildt, a former Swedish prime minister, is in the past week as they drove through Serb-held territory. Spokesmen for the imple-

not due to arrive in Sarajevo mentation force (I-FOR) said they had no independent con-firmation of the reports. But the UN police said that the Bosnian Serb authorities had until later this week, after his Christmas holiday. His offices in the city centre are still deserted - the lease has not even been signed -"given indications" that they were holding an unspecified number of civilians and were prepared to exchange them for Serbs detained by the gov-

'So far Mr Bildt has not done much,' ernment during the war. "The Serbs told us their

the president said. action was in response to the

arrest of two of [their] people by the Bosnian government His officials were in October," a UN police offi-cial said. less diplomatic

The disappearances clearly contravene the Dayton agree-ment's guarantee of free leaving a conspicuous gap in the implementation of the

agreement. "This first month is a criti-cal time for the whole Dayton plan," a member of the out-going UN peacekeeping mis-sion said. "You have Serbs Nato has appeared uncertain how to react to the inci-dents, raising doubt about how far I-FOR is prepared to go to enforce the guarantee. The treaty says it is I-FOR's responsibility "to ob-serve and prevent interfer-ence with the movement of civilian populations, refugo to enforce the guarantee. threatening to leave Sarajevo, and you have a challenge to the freedom of movement. And there's no one there on the political side." One of Mr Bildt's aides,

gees, and displaced persons, and to respond appropriately to deliberate violence to life speaking from Brussels, blamed the delay in setting up the office on problems in se-

But Colonel Konrad Frey-tag, a Nato spokesman, said yesterday that it was the res-not yet paid, he said. spokesman said.

Now citizens are on their

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The Bosnian president, Allia Izetbegovic, said last week: "So far Mr Bildt has not done much." His officials have been less diplomatic, accusing Mr Bildt of wasting time.

They want his office to do be the job of the UN civilian police —co-ordinated by the UN high representive. Carl Bildt — to investigate individ-ual incidente government control. And they want I-FOR to enforce freedom of movement.

One, Amir Hadziomeragic, said three lorry drivers had been seized on Christmas Day in the Serb Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, and 13 others, including a family of four, had disappeared in the area since then News of the disappearances

was broadcast on Bosnian television, since which there has been a perceptible decline in the numbers of Sarajevans using these routes in and out of the city.

The Bosnian government is reluctant to exchange Serbs captured during the war for its own citizens seized since the signing of the peace treaty. fearing that would lead to further abductions.

Nato officers said yesterday that the incidents would be raised at a regular meeting of military officials from both sides, once the disappear-ances had been documented. • President Clinton may visit US troops is Bosnia be-fore his State of the Union speech, pencilled in for Janu-ary 23, the White House said yesterday. The defence secretary, Wil-

liam Perry, and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, General John Shalikashvili, who are visiting Bosnia today, would be consulted before a decision was taken, the

Mr Schweitzer was head of the cabinet of the Socialist prime minister, Laurent Fa-bius, during the phone-tap-ping operation, which lasted from 1983 to 1986. The operation, which is large stocks of HJV-infected being investigated by Judge Jean-Paul Valat, is known to blood products were trans-fused despite alleged governhave targeted more than 100 rightwing journalists, lawment knowledge.

tion in high places. In the big-gest case, the chairman of the Paribas financial group, supporters of President Jacques Chirac, including an in-vestigation into illegal fund-André Lévy-Leng, was placed under investigation last week ing of the president's Rally for alleged accounting irregu- of the Alcatel Alsthom tele-

Flag bearer . . . Specialist Martin John Begosh, who goes into the history books as the first US member of I-FOR wounded in Bosnia, is carried to an ambulance at a field hospital in Croatia to be flown to Germany. His leg was shattered when his mis-directed field car hit a mine. Commander Ola Molvaer of the Norwegian navy told a news conference yesterday that it could take 30 years to clear the country of mines PHOTOGRAPH: LYNNE SLADKY

tion for alleged misuse of corporate funds. Pierre Suard, the chairman

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was formally placed under investigation yesterday in connection with a phone-tapping scandal mas-terminded by the Elysée Pal-ace while François Mitter-

rand was president

French 'sleaze' inquiry targets Renault boss

Alex Duval Smith in Paris HE chairman of Renault

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Stephanie Simon

YULIA wanted work as an accountant. So she pulled on a tight green miniskirt, squeezed into high heels and pranced on to the stage of a hotel ballroom, hatting her lashes and swinging her hips as she tried to win a job balancing books.

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ancing books. Nearby danced Valeria, hopeful of landing a mana-gerial post. Also Irina, in hody-hugging white, her law courses all but forgot-ten as she flirted behind a cort set wack and drasmed cat-eye mask and dreamed of finding secretarial work. Slinky music played. Champagne corks popped. From the audience, businessmen studied the stage, looking, they said, for the perfect typist or waitress or nurse or assistant. An employment agency had set up this "job fair" - with 150 door-to-door sales.

Russians make

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young women strutting their stuff to find a job. The women answered know someone who know questions such as: "De-scribe your ideal boss." At

the MC's command, each dragged a man from the audience and shimmled with him on stage.

In her turn at the micro-phone, Valeria Yelatushkin was asked to explain how she might turn away a trou-blesome visitor demanding to see her boss - her sole chance to display her pro-fessional skills.

Although a summary of her work experience was available backstage, for those who bothered to ask. she acknowledged that pro-spective employers might find it "hard to see my qualifications".

Still, she thought that this show might help her get a job. "I still have hope," she said. And why not? With the

economy crumbling and politicians fumbling, find-ing a job in Moscow has become a free for all. In the old days, when the

Soviet system made unemployment a crime, the government funnelled every able adult into a job.

istry's population depart-ment. "Before, everything was well-defined: you got a Louis Schweitzer, who was job when you got out of school. That was our planned economy.

The capitalist system, which requires self-promo-tion, "is only now begin-ning to grow", he added. The Russian version of Cosmopolitan magazine recently printed tips on writing CVs. But many stu-

dents still graduate with no idea of how to write a cov-

There are always the small ads. But Russia's help-wanted sections tend to be maddeningly vague. In some newspapers, three quarters of ads say simply "Work", then list a phone number. No description of the job, no hint of a location, no clue about wages. Paris. Often the work turns out to involve telephone or

In the new Russia, as in the old, jobseekers need to know someone - or at least someone - to have a shot at someone — to have a shot at any well-paying vacancy. "Finding work if you don't have friends [in high places] is impossible," Alla Chernyenck, aged 22, said. introduced to cover a short-fall in national health, pen-

'If you come into a business off the street, they don't on the street, they don't even want to talk to you." Trained as a fashion de-signer. Ms Chernyenok has given up hope of working in the declining clothing in-dustry. Instead, she hopes to tag on to an emercing

to tag on to an emerging aerobics craze and teach ex-

ercise classes. Ms Chernyenok has a definite advantage in her hunt for work: she's pretty.

"I don't know why, but your appearance is very im-portant," she said. "You apply to be a secretary and they say you have to be a certain height."

Some women have taken to describing their figures

in job-wanted ads. Even classified ads that do not mention height or weight still target a narrow

sector. A company looking for a secretary demanded a woman with "an honest Fighting flared again in westface". -- Los Angeles Times.

run-up to the 1986 general election. The election was appointed chairman of the state-owned car company by won by the right wing and resulted in Jacques Chirac President Mitterrand, is expected to be summoned for questioning later this month. succeeding Mr Fabius as The news could not come at prime minister. a worse time for Renault. . Four other men who were which is expected to complete its privatisation in 1996 after

close to President Mitterrand at the time of the operation transforming years of losses into a profit of 3.6 billion france (£480 million) in 1994. are already under investiga-tion. They include his former cabinet chief, Gilles Ménage.

yers and politicians in the

France prepares for lean new year of tax and price increases

And price rises hit France yesterday as business per cent and telephone

resumed after more than a month of strikes and holirentals by 15.5 per cent. But the biggest impact will be felt on January 11 when petrol will go up 3.5 per cent because of extra levies in-creasing the government take on a litre to 85 per cent. days, writes Paul Webster in

Wage packets, already reduced in the public sector because of pay lost during protests against social secu-Five million public sector rity reforms, will be down again this month. A tax workers face a wage freeze this year and no increase in family allowances. amounting to 0.5 per cent of all income, including pen-sions and benefits, has been

Protests against government pay and social security policy are due to resume this week. The government has tried to take some of the sting sion and family allowance funds. out of protests by raising in-Hospital fees have been come support by 2.1 per cent raised by 27 per cent, tobacco to the equivalent of £315 a is up by 4 per cent and televi- month.

News in brief

****************************** day-long truce in battles be-tween guerrillas and African Palestinian peacekeepers. - Reuter. campaign shift

Banda appeal Palestinian election officials, under international pressure, yesterday endorsed a threeweek campaign by candidates for January 20 elections after earlier saying they would only allow two weeks.

Official campaigning is to run, retrospectively, from late December to January 18, the election body ruled, accepting that some candidates had begun to seek votes. -- Reuter.

State prosecutors in Malawi yesterday filed an appeal be-fore the country's highest court against the acquittal of ousted dictator Kamuzu Banda on conspiracy to mur-der charges. - AP.

Lion cub eaten One of two rare Indian lion cubs born on New Year's Day at Zurich zoo has been eaten by its parents, the Swiss news agency reported yesterday. Less than 200 Indian lions ern Liberia yesterday after a | remain in the wild. - Reuter.

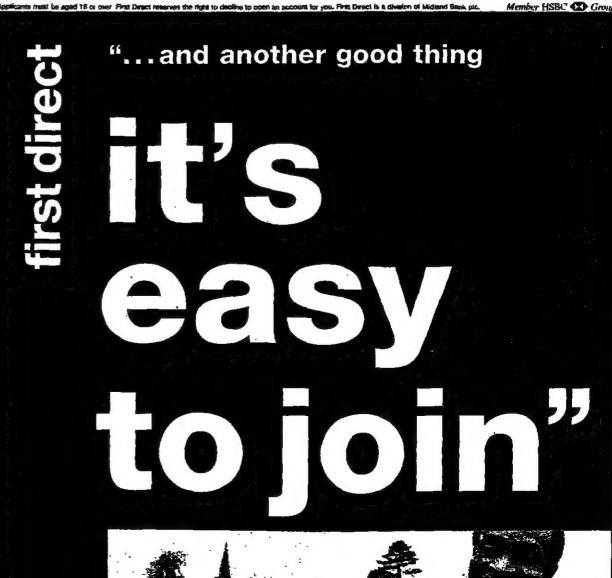
Horoscopes are often said to be "harmless fun", but I can't see anything either funny or harmless in a lucrative con-trick which preys on people's ignorance and fear.

Francis Wheen

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onents of the present for the Republic party.

larities during the sale of the communications group, was rightwing government be-lieve the two investigations against Mr Schweitzer are part of a game of political tit-living cheaply in flats owned





ys resisted the temptation to change bunks - t just didn't want the hossie. In the end I spoke to First Direct, because like me they give it full service on a Senday. I found the freephone number in a press (d, called it and amazingly they took my details in about toniminutes. They put the completed form in the post for me to sign and after sorting my nt was open. Light a Welcome Pack, cheque book and First Direct Cord, to whig things like my standing orders and salary really smooth. In no time I was using my nice black d to get cash from the machine in the high streets, akay I confess, it's good to be with a bank I can believe in."

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Let the voters decide

Ms Nicholson's duty is greater than Mr Major's

These were the words Emma Nicholson used yesterday on Radio 5, but by that accountant's token one could argue that practically any election of any kind is an arguable piece of expenditure. It may be true, as in Alan Howarth's case last year, that almost all precedent and inside-track wisdom is against holding a byelection when an MP changes party. But fairness and common propriety are both strongly in favour of it.

There ought to be no ducking the fact that when a politician stands for election under one banner and then switches allegiance to another, then the electorate has to some extent been taken for a ride. As Roy Hattersley remarked on this page two days ago, those oppositionists who priggishly dismiss the case for such byelections today ought to ask themselves what they felt when Reg Prentice did the reverse un-elected switch from Labour to Tory in if we talk ourselves into believing that 1977. Perhaps, as Miss Nicholson claimed yesterday, some Devonians voted for her last time in spite of the fact that she was the Conservative candidate, but politicians habitually exag-gerate these things. Most of Miss Nicholson's constituents voted for her precisely because she announced herself on the ballot paper as the Conservative candidate. It may be good fun to see the Conservatives embarrassed by such defections, but these electors ought to have the chance to say whether they approve of their MP's change of party. A byelection in Devon West, as in Stratford, would be good for public life.

However the argument for an early encounter with the voters does not unroll quite so seamlessly in the case of the government as a whole. There is no jorities on a party which has been doubt that the country needs a general election in 1996 and there is no doubt

THE NEW Liberal Democrat MP for | either that opponents of the Conserva-Devon West and Torridge is wrong to regard a byelection in her West Country seat as a waste of public funds. too soon. But, sadly, this does not mean that we will get the election. With the government trailing badly in the polls. there is only one circumstance in which John Major will go to the country before he has to. That is if he loses an early Commons vote of confidence. The chances of that are slim, given the parliamentary arithmetic, as the Labour chief whip Donald Dewar rightly pointed out yesterday. Prising a government out of office before it wants to go is a grim and often dirty business. There is a long way still to go before it

happens. if and when it does take place - ought not in itself to be a sufficient reason for a government to resign. Minority governments can survive, and even prosper, in the British political system and minority government as such is mor-ally unsustainable and even a civic danger. Four of Labour's six periods in office have been as minority governments, and who is to say, even now, that we may not live to see a fifth? However powerful the moral case for the Conservatives to go to the polls, the fact is that they are under no obligation whatsoever to do so.

Given its own history in government, Labour needs to beware of claiming that minority administrations are illegitimate. They are very often a truer reflection of the mood of the country than politicians might lead us to suppose. The inequity is not minority government as such, but a system which confers over-large parliamentary maconsistently opposed by a large majority of the electorate as a whole.



Letters to the Editor Hitch-hiking: is it safe?

line reveals the end of the road for hitchhiking, Decem-ber 30). Although the occa-sional terrible and highly pub-licised incident takes place, the worst that happens to most people is being stuck with a particularly boring sales rep.

one in 50 people having hitched hard to believe - I don't know anyone of my age group (mid-20s) who has not at some point. Hitching has a lot to recommend it — it is green energy-saving, cheap and egalitarian.

Charles Spooner. 35 Woodlands Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

AM a hitcher and a woman. I hitchhike because I love the cold, wet, windy hard shoulders of roads, and the thrill of fearing for my life. The thought of a secure, warm and efficient mode of trans-port, like a train, is beyond me and my means. A car is out

T WOULD be a very sad choose to interview? Middle day when no one dares to thumb a lift (Search for Cé their semi? I can find you 50 people who cannot afford a train fare, let alone a car, just in my neighbourhood. Marci López-Levy. Mornington Grove, London E3.

> HITCHED for years and have picked up males and females of all ages, never hav-ing any trouble at all and often meeting very nice and interesting people. Neverthe-less, to Céline Figard, a girl on her own, I would have said "don"!"... or "if you must take "don't"; or "if you must, take lifts on trucks because they will almost certainly be safe".

Almost... she was unlucky; in the wrong place at the wrong time. Andy Graham.

8 Shaftesbury Terrace, Radstock, Bath BA3 3HS.

THE number of hitchers has declined since the 1970s, but is showing some-thing of a resurgence thanks largely to the environmental mt and DIY counter-

This Christmas we had tem porary access to a car. Driving on the North Yorkshire on the North forkshift moors, we picked up a 70-year-old man who had got off a bus too early and, unable to walk the five miles home in sub-zero temperatures, had waved his white handkerchief at the indifferent traffic for helf an

indifferent traffic for half an hour before we stopped. The recent freezing conditions may have led to many such acts of co-operation and trust.

Chayley Collis. Jonathan Purkis. 3 Spa Mill Lodge. New Street. Slaithwaite, Huddersfield HD? 5BB.

ON the day you reported the discovery of Céline Figard's murdered body, was it really necessary to illustrate a piece on the cansorship of a piece on the cansorship of pornography on the Internet with a woman lying bound and gagged? It's not that I can't tell the difference be-tween image and reality, but rather than gratuitous, styl-ised images of fenale helpless-ness and degradation I would prefer to be confronted with photos showing the brutal

Nicholson and the triumph of principle over party politics

F MORE Conservative MPs ROY Hattersley sees defec-tion as potentially damaghad consulted their consciences, the country would have been saved from such ining to party politics (Dancing to the same tune at a different party, January 1). Well, many might think that this was not iquitous policies as railway privatisation. We suffer from a surfeit rather than the cola moment too soon. Doubtless, the Conservative lapse of party politics. As Lord Weatherill pointed

voters of Torridge and West Devon feel a bit cheated just now but they might reflect on out (House of shards, December 29) it is Parliament's job to curb governments and up to MPs to put the interests of the courage, adherence to principle and concience that Emma Nicholson has displayed. The nature of our system means that individuals have to take the bad with the good in the political package a party offers. At the centre of the political spectrum, therefore, it comes as no surprise that liberal Conservatives, moderate Labour and Liberal Democrat politicians should have much in common. Thus Emma Nicholson, see-Thus Limita Micholison, see-ing her party drift more to the fanatical right and away from the principles she believes in, makes the very short political trip to the Lib Dems. Unlike Hattersley, I do not four the principles of the

the country above those of the party. These are the princi-ples on which democracy de-pends and they transcend the party system. (Prof) G Ganz. Faculty of Law, University of Southampton, Southampton SO9 5NH

F. THE Liberal Democrats think that Emma Nichol-son's defection makes Tor-ridge and West Devon even more winnable, they have not been thinking clearly: they will now lose the Labour tactical vote upon which they have always relied.

In the past, when meeting Labour supporters on the fear the weakening of the

I find your statistic of only

Mr Rifkind's clout may rise as his bargaining power falls

A mellow hint for Hong Kong

China and Britain has been offered by chosen for the post-handover body. Beijing: Malcolm Rifkind, on his way there next week, will have more modest expectations. The speech by Lu Ping, the senior Chinese official in charge of Hong Kong policy, was meant to be taken seriously. Mr Lu does not make a habit of issuing New Year's statements and his tone was markedly more conciliatory than some recent anti-British rhetoric. But the main obstacle to harmony remains the dispute over Hong Kong's electoral system and its future after the 1997 handover. Britain would probably be happy to step around it and pretend it was not there, but the nearer that Hong Kong gets to June 30 next year, the harder it will be to ignore it.

Mr Rifkind found himself wrongfooted on the subject in October when the Chinese foreign minister Qian Qichen visited London. Mr Qian revealed that the British side had not raised the question of the post-1997 Legislative Council (LegCo). He then rubbed in the point by insisting that the LegCo just elected (on the Patten formula which Beijing rejects) would not be acceptable. Since then China has announced the composition of a Preparatory Committee which will set up the machinery bystander, Mr Rifkind may paradoxifor choosing a new "provisional cally find it easier to offer quiet advice. LegCo". Mr Rifkind will say that there The trick is in how it is tendered. He is no need for this since a perfectly good | should assert his hopes for a new dawn LegCo is already in existence, but he in which Britain and China can cooperneeds to find stronger arguments to ate on a broader international agenda. convince the Chinese.

A NEW DAWN in relations between | if not all of the current LegCo will be That seems unlikely since the Preparatory Committee does not contain even a token number of members of the majority Democratic Party. But China may yet be persuaded to pay more attention to the uncertain state of Hong Kong opinion. Remarkably sanguine for several years - once it recovered from the shock of Tiananmen Square - opinion has become much more jittery. It has been unsettled by Beijing's tougher posture on a range of issues from Taiwan to human rights: the victimisation of the Chinese campaigner Wei Jingsheng has gone down particularly badly.

This tough posture seems to reflect internal high-level tensions as Beijing waits for its current great leader to pass away. Mr Lu's remarks may be addressed in part at domestic hardliners. A similar speech a year ago by the Communist Party's propaganda chief also warned against rocking the boat - and seemed to produce some results such as agreement on the new Hong Kong airport. As the handover approaches the pressure will increase on Beijing to make the right decisions while, as Britain becomes more of a But first Hong Kong needs to see a

In theory it is still possible that most | brighter light on the horizon.

Ticket to be taken for a ride

One sure way forward for the railways: drop privatisation

THE SURVEY by the Consumers' Association into the ticketing practices | that hardly anyone wanted. The Govof the new train companies is so damning it ought to sound the death knell for privatisation. Even before, it was hard to find anyone with a good word to say for rail privatisation: now it may prove impossible. Crucially, the faults found may be systemic and not capable of a turns out that it is the consumers who quick fix. After making 250 requests for the cheapest ticket between two places, the CA found that in 90 per cent of cases it was overcharged even though inquiry desks have a duty to reveal the diminution in service as well. Nor is it cheapest fare. If the train companies had been honest the cost of the tickets difficult to expect ticket sellers to spend would have been £7,591 instead of lot about the shortcomings of the Lottery regulator but what on earth was was going on? For goodness sake, who is he regulating the industry for?

Remember, this is the privatisation eroment tried to justified its Kafka-esque break up of a unified railway system into 70 different units, including 25 separate train companies competing against each other, on the grounds that the consumer would benefit. Now it are being taken for a ride. Not only can they often not make a return journey on a competing company's train but they are being flagrantly overcharged for the easy to see a solution because it is

all day recommending rivals' wares. £13,013, which works out at an average The whole thing is a nonsense. It has of £24 per overcharge. We have heard a got to the stage where abandonment of rail privatisation would boost John Major's ratings more than anything else. the rail regulator doing while all this And we promise that we will never again make any remarks about British Rail being a music hall toke.

of the question financially. Hitching is one of the few ways in which we share resources in our ever more selfish society: a disinterested favour. And as more of us have less access to resources, the more numerous the hitchers who will take to the roads. What 50 · people did you

Railroaded

THE shape of things to come is often a reflection of times past. In Roy Jenkins's recently published Gladstone, we read of a rail journey from Euston to Laurencekirk made by "Victorian politics' swoop-"Notwithstanding precau-tions and assurances, I had to pay in five parts and to make

three changes of carriages." But there may be a crumb of comfort for those peering into the gloomy future of our fragmenting system. Gladstone's 1844 Railway Act - he was then President of the Board of Trade - reserved to the state powers of national isation should private enter prise fall to provide an ade uate system.

Jim Brunton. 7 Balderston Gardens, Edinburgh EH16 5TE.

AM appalled by your decision to accept an advertise ment on behalf of the murder ous regime in Nigeria. seeking to malign those who are persecuted both by themselves and by their counter parts in Britain. To give space to these people betrays not just the Onibiyo family, but Ken Saro-Wiwa and all those who have suffered in the struggle for elementary demo-No doubt the excuse will be made that even the Nigerian government is entitled to those same freedoms. No they're not, until they see fit to extend the right of free speech to their own citizens. Edmund Horton.

8 Nixon Road, Oxford OX4 4BU.

AS it occurred to Joanna Trollope (Letters, January 2) that the residents of Moss Side might also object to comparison with Aston Magna? Those of us who chose such an urban location might consider a Cotswold village a cultural black hole. (Clir) Pauleen Lane. 6 Chelford Road. Old Trafford. Manchester 16.

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culture of the 1990s. It is your self-selecting sample of 50 motorists who are out of touch truth in poor taste, whereas fantasies with essentially the with the growing rejection of auto-addiction. In abandoning trust we create an unimaginable world where we would not leave our houses for fear of our fellow human beings.

same content are deemed acceptable? Deborah Cameron. Camborne Road, London SW18.

and voted accordingly. BUNCH OF PEELED BABE whips. M J Downes. Rylston Wheeler Lane Witley, Godalming, Surrey GU8 5QT.

Pulp and the patriarchy thing

SUZANNE MOORE'S clarhedonistic slappers who end up getting their just desserts clouded by her crush on "sex (usually from clever Jarvis's insect" Jarvis Cocker of Pulp caustic tongue).

(Triumph of the nerd genius, December 28). Is she too busy Does this really present "a change" and "the revenge of the underclass", or merely shaking it up and shaking it down to Razzmatazz, Live Bed the tired tradition of the condescending white male rock singer putting the dull-witted girls in their place? Bel Pintan. Show, Common People et al to listen to the lyrics of these songs? The women that Mr Cocker

portrays are, almost without **Chelsfield Point**. exception, victims, fools or London E97DY.

Those skeletons in the Cabinet

NEW Year's Day is always brightened by revelations HERE is no reason why we should have to wait 30 years before finding out the truth about the War Game, from 30 years ago and 1996 was no exception (Attack on Rhodesia vetoed, January 1). Apparently the Wilson cabnuclear testing or the Vietnam war. But when we are told the

net knew nothing of military plans to prevent Ian Smith de-claring UDL This is surpristruth as events unfold, who wants to hear?

ing because it was believed in The president of the Royal neighbouring Zambia that the RAF was ready to intervene. Society. Sir Michael Atiyah, recently declared that history and people in Rhodesia were also expecting an invasion. would show that the insis tence on a UK nuclear capa-bility was "fundamentally As a boy in Zambia at the time I recall watching the misguided, a total waste of resources and a significant factor in our relative ecoarrival of RAF and ground troops at Ndola Airport in

arly November. Shortly after nomic decline ... UDI, a tale went round that the five-star Meikles Hotel in Yet the major political parties continue to ignore such weighty opinions. Trident, far from independent, has al-Salisbury (now Harare) was the only building in town that was still flying the Union ready cost billions of pounds and will devour billious more Jack on November 12. Apparently a waggish jourin the next 20 years unless

halist in Lusaka, impersonat-ing the RAF officer in charge, had rung up and reserved the entire hotel for Her Majesty's cancelled Will we have to wait another 30 years before pol-iticians are willing to lead, Forces. Presumably they rather than follow, a public were not charged for failing to arrive. Perhaps the British opinion which has been so profoundly misinformed on troops were only sent to ap-pease Kenneth Kaunda, but it is still surprising that Wilnuclear-weapon issues? Bruce Kent. Vice President son's cabinet did not know. Campaign for Nuclear

Disarmament, Nick Hall. 48a Hormead Road. 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. London W9 3NQ.

photos showing the brutal party political machine. reality of what happened to Céline Figard. Why is the that it has given us "strong". doorstep, Liberal Democrats have claimed: "We're Labour really." Now, because of Ms government, but it has also given us 17 years of "one-party dictatorship" with Nicholson's track record in Parliament, her new political colleagues will be perceived disastrous policies such as the poll tax, which would never have got through a less as being "really Tory". With a Labour government,

Emma's new party will sit on party-dominated House of the opposition benches with Commons where MPs considthe Tories and further mar-ginalise the West Country ered measures on their merits as Liberal Democrat MPs We need more principled, free-thinking politicians who act in accordance with their have failed to achieve any-thing for this area. Although Ms Nicholson has jumped

constituents' needs and not the demands of the party from one sinking ship, she will help to sink the one she has just landed on. David Brenton. (Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. Torridge and West Devon.) 23 Meddon Street.

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Bideford, N Devon. Why I turned down a CBE

HAVING myself declined a CBE, I still respect Claire service rendered --- as assess by senior civil servants? This Rayner's "wavering accepvear. as usual the lowest tance" of her New Year Hon awards include craftsmen and our (Dear agony aunt, Janu-ary 1). Like her I want to help build "a society which people gardeners; one or two steps up for teachers and nurses; up want to be part of because they can take pride and plea-sure in it". But I don't believe would contribute to that ideal by supporting an awards system which, as I wrote to the Prime Minister, "helps to entrench the unnecessary sense of class and hier-archy which so inhibits and divides our British society". Do we promote his "classless society" by maintaining an Gordon McGregor. honours system with nine levels of award, distributed University of Leeds.) largely according to social

A Country Diary

the Wrekin's western flank a raven calls into the bright cold air. Her voice is clear and evocative, marking out the boundaries of a world which knows nothing of fren-zied post-Christmas shopping, nothing of world events flickering on TV screens. This song remains true, through countless lives, stretching back to a past as dark as her wings. She sings for the present: the gloriously cold winter

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say, the hery light cast by the sun on tree trunks, the snow on the hilltop; and for the future: a new year, slowly unfolding form the the clee and Stretton Hills unfolding from the longest in the mist. This is not the night. And she's hungry, her world of maps and histories. eyes scan for death in the This is a world that will only frozen woods. The raven's last for a moment for as long parish is woods, hills and sky as it takes the last rays of the measured in black wingbeats | sun to fade; for as long as it and echoing with a cry as takes the raven to circuit the harsh and sharp as the cres- hill. This is a landscape of

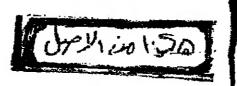
again for top civil servants, junior politicians and professors; yet some of the highest awards are for making money. We should retain the Order

of Merit, expanded to include up to 50 women and men whose distinguished achievements have demonstrably benefited humanity. For the rest I would favour a single designation — perhaps the Westminster Commendation. Emeritus Prof. of Education largely according to social High Street, Selsey, status or to the value of the W Sussex PO20 0RD,

THE WREKIN: High above mud lead to the top of the Little Hill, the nub-end of the Wrekin at the southern stretch of its hogsback. Here three jagged, enigmatic Scots pines are all that remain of a crown of trees. From this vantage point rolls the misty landscape of south Shrop-shire. But visibility only extends as far as the river. The Severn is flooded in places and the low sunlight flashes on the water. It's as if the land ends there, on the shore of a

cent moon. A line of cloven | wild imagination hoofprints fossilised in frozen

PAUL EVANS



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Diary

been, they were little more than appetisers for the en-tree I am pleased to serve today. For having exam-ined the 12 months abead, West Highland terrier

Steptoe - by common con-sent the world's leading canine soothsayer — has made his predictions in his usual chicken-selecting fashion.

That which the dog has foreseen will delight some, horrify others, and aston-ish others still. What it may in no way be, how-ever, is ignored.

Spointing his third eye at the Princess of Wales, for whom he predicts a year of frantic activity. Anticipating a dis-appointing divorce settlement, she will seek employment, and, as widely expected, will join Gladiators in February. Rejecting a host of sug-gested names such as Nem-esis, Republican and Slapper (a reference to her dexterity with a "pugil stick"), she will opt for Bighugs. Alas, her Gladiator

career will soon be terminated, following a public fist fight with Ulrika Jons son over whose turn it was to spend the night with Hunter. Diana will then take over the BBC2 daytime Oprah-style weeping exhibition from Miss Es-ther Rantzen.

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HE dog foresees a difficult year for Mr Major, who will plug on despite losing his majority in September's sensational double defection. First, John Carlisle will join Labour in disgust at the Government's soft approach to crime; and on the same day, in what commentators will describe as the most significant political defection since Churchill returned to the Tory benches, Michael Fabricant's wig will levitate across the floor of the House and become the Nat-ural Law Party's first MP. Meanwhile, in her annual speech, the Queen will announce that her govern-ment intends to privatise trees, the sea and the royal family itself, whose mem-bers will be put up individually for commercial sponsorship.

Matthew Norman Matthew Norman Matthew Norman Matthew Norman Mean SEVER at this point in the calendar, the newspapers have been fall of predictions for the New Year. And yet, entertaining as these have been, they were little more

Commentary OR ALMOST all this

century the political argument has been bet-ween a left formally pledged to the establishment of socialism and a right commay be firmly capitalist, but that does not mean it feels there are no choices over the structure of that capitalism. Nor is a country with a politi-cally reformist. Whig tradi-tion that extends over centumitted to the defence of capitalism. Both sides were never wholebearted in their respec-tive causes, arriving at the post-war compromise of the mixed economy and welfare ries happy to see private patronage, jobbery and the detraction of all things public raised to a guiding principle in British public life.

It has been obvious since the collapse of communism that the old anchors no longer serve. Although capitalism triumphed in the great battle of the economic systems, lowed by a revised paperback tomorrow, is part of the same mood. There is an untapped reservoir of concern about the direction of both the econ-omy and society — and a hun-ger for a different way for-ward. At another time the book might have slipped by unremarked pot in 1995 paradoxically it did so be-cause its worst proclivities had to be reigned in and its dynamics actively contained, Keynesianism, the mixed unremarked; not in 1995. Yet despite the accompany

mare of modern Conserva-tism, which finds itself chained to championing an inequitable, socially destruc-tive raw capitalism — and to opposing the instruments that allow it to prosper. One-nation Conservatives, still attached to the mixed economy, City's demanding financial priorities and the develop-ments in the labour market --social cohesion and notions of a public interest, are margin-alised and outnumbered.

tentions - has become more obvious as downsizing and causalisation have spread.

Three-quarters of male unskilled manual workers have now seen declines in real wages since 1992, while tem-porary work has increased by a quarter. The backwash into every corner of civil society - from the character of the high street to the capacity to parent — is growing clearer. A number of chief police offi-cers privately tell me that the social conditions in the inner situ sea on the adapt the bat city are on the edge; the inci-dents of arson and riot over the summer in Bradford, Leeds and Newcastle, and this

winter in Brixton, foretell much worse to come Delivering the good society alongside competitive capital-ism is much more complex than combining simple in-junctions to the efficiency of market forces along with

moral outcry at anti-social

behaviour. ESPONSIBILITY sits alongside obligation n at the top as well as property rights are not absoat the top as well as lute. In short, unless a capital-ism is clear about the obligations that accompany ownership along with the rights, it risks perdition; the British creed that the only duty of owners is to maximise shareholder value in the year ahead is at the root of much of what is wrong. But the development the book most underestimated is the gathering, *de facto* privati-

sation of the state. The combination of the Private Finance

inal-justice system, are state functions; they are most efficiently, impartially and fairly provided by a public agency funded by progressive tax-ation. Yet even these core functions are being subject to the same forces, producing ir-reconcilable dilemmas over accountability and whether the ultimate objectives are public or private. Should a prison, for example, be run for profit? And who is respon-sible for failure, the minister

rows national options, it does not remove them. A wide latitude remains from, for exam-ple, constitutional reform to the nature of the social con-tract. Reform of British capi-talism and its political strucor the contractor? Not only the centre of Brit ish politics, but almost all on the left can go along with this analysis — and the implications for policy. The public domain needs to be reasserted domain heeds to be reasserred and the political system reformed; regulation of pri-vate interests needs to be tougher; and there is a strong case for recasting the relationship between the City and business — which even the CIV is a superscript choice. the CBI is now assessing

passing of many public func-

Recruitment to the Civil Service, or the provision of

public goods such as the crim-

tions into private ownership.

Where it becomes more prob-lematic is over income distri-bution and social cohesion. Here the left joins in the criticism — not of my book's championing of progressive taxation and public goods, but of its advocacy of a form of historic compromise with the

middle class over the welfare state. If a universal welfare state is to be sustained politi cally, it needs middle-class taxes and members — but this means delivery of what they want. In health this largely implies more resources, and in pensions the flexibility to upgrade contributions and benefits as incomes vary. But in education it implies the acceptance of diversity, stream-ing and even selection — and this, although accepted by the European left, is anathema in Britain. Yet if the nettle is not grasped, the welfare state will wither into a second-best opfortunes. tion used by only the bottom

60 per cent. But are such national Initiative, arms-length execu-tive agencies, contracting-out choices still open to individ-Books (£7.99)

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 and straight privatisation im-plies not merely the fragmen-tation of the state, but the ish model is allegedly becom-

Peasants revolt ing the standard? Here there in the fields is much doubletalk. Foreign as much as domestic capital benefits from a well-governed socially cohestve soci-ety with a supportive finan-cial system — and not to adopt well-tried institutions of England and practices that work well elsewhere is perverse. In any



David McKie

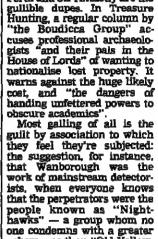
tures is open to an incoming government: the question is whether it will make the HOSE WHO go hunting are not alone in their fears that a Private Member's Bill soon to come Here Mr Blair's politics and programme should be judged less by the criteria of 20th-century socialism and more by Britain's longstanding libbefore Parliament might make a horrible mess of their favourite pastime. Lurking at number seven in this year's list of Bills successful in the annual draw is the innocu-ous-looking Treasure Bill, in-troduced by the innocuous-looking Sir Anthony Grant eral, reformist tradition. His lineage is less Keir Hardy and lineage is less Keir Hardy and Rosa Luxembourg: more Shaftesbury, Gladstone, As-quith, Beveridge and Keynes. An old anchor in British politics — the progressive Whig tradition — is being reinvented as the great 20th-century ideological lodestars decay: and Mr Blair will find (Con, Cambridgeshire SW). It aims to clean up a law which most would regard as inher-ently batty. The protection of irreasure irove — which in decay; and Mr Blair will find essence means that what you that, however cautious his inhave found belongs to the state, but you get compenstincts, the growing consen-sus about where reform has sated - covers only gold and silver. What's more, the proto be directed will force his hand. The past 16 years may tection only applies if the obicts found were deliberately hidden. If some idiot simply dropped them while realing home from the alebouse, the prove to have been a neces-sary but temporary interlude before British liberalism in its best sense reasserts itself. After all, before the advent law no longer applies. Coroof socialism the Tories were

ners' juries are therefore sol-emnly asked to determine the motives and behaviour of people dead for centuries. Short of sending for Brother Britain's minority party. If the moment is seized they could be forced back into that position - with parallel pros-Cadfael, they have little to go pects for a dramatic improveon but guesswork. The Bill is not yet pubment in the country's

lished but will echo a series of The revised edition of The State We're in is published by Vintage

case, the right's use of foreign models is highly selective ready to copy East Asia if the

ish finance.



vehemence than "Old Yellow-

belly", the columnist of The

TTTLE time has been

Lords debates on this

spared for their case in

issue, but their magazines

Searcher.

geant to compare the scene to

the Somme, and making off with an estimated £2 million

But just as Christmas gath-

erings round the stirrup cup must have been sullied by apprehension over Alan Meale's Bill on hunting, so where metal detectorists con-

vened over Christmas the talk

was of Grant, and of what the Federation of Independent De-

tectorists has damned as "this

vile measure"; destined, it says, to "make property buried in graves subject to

compulsory purchase any time beritage ghouls wished to call it treasure", and to

"grab offerings, made for reli-gious or cultural conviction,

for the morbid curiosity of academics". Detectorist publi-cations like The Searcher and

Treasure Hunting pulsate

with principled outrage

against such archaeological imperialism. The origins are

traced by one source to "so-called Marxist collective ar-

chaeologists", of whom, we

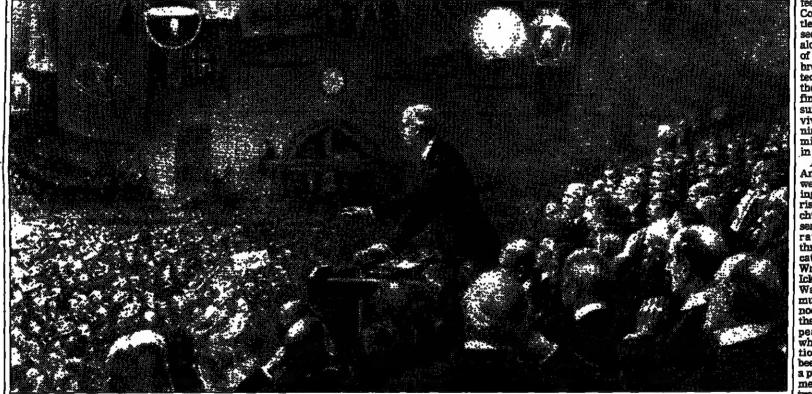
must suppose, the Earl of Perth and Sir Anthony are the

in loot

others since 1979, all of which have failed. The most spectac-ular case was a Bill intro-duced in the Lords in 1982, killed by infanticide when the Tory MP who had volunteered to steer it through the Commons deliberately throt-tled it, revealing that he'd secretly been opposed to it all along. More recently the Earl of Perth brought in a Bill to broaden the definition of protected treasure, strengthen the requirement for reporting

suggest they are serious people, more like railway spotters than Nighthawks finds, and expose offenders to suitably painful fines. It surthe kind whom advertisers vived the Lords, even win-ning over an initially hostile hope to persuade that "The Mediaeval Horse And Its minister, but got squeezed out in the Commons. Archaeologists hail Sir.

Equipment", available from Anglia Publishing at £27.95, is "the book we have all been waiting for". And they have a Anthony as warmly as they waiting for". And they have a welcomed Lord Perth, argu-ing that, especially since the echo back to groups with rise of metal detectors, great whom most of them, I guess. serious case, whose politics echo back to groups with chunks of our heritage are at would never wish to identify. serious risk. The names of For this, in a sense, is a ravaged sites resound peasants' revolt: in their through their complaints like book, it's the archaeology of the ruling class pitted against the people's archaeology. Since the present law is ludicrous, it makes sense to reform it. I just hope that detectorists, who don't enjoy the court of Edward L A the media access and connec peaceful tract of Surrey tions in high places that hunt-where, a treasure trove loca- ing falk do, find someone in tions in high places that huntwhere, a freesure rove local ing and co, into some in the commons to give their been specified at the inquest, case a fair representation. It a platoon of opportunists with metal detectors descended, sustive enough to scupper Sir trampling the wheatfields, Anthony, but it shouldn't be trampling the wheatfields, Anthony, but it moving the local police ser- lost by default.



Worse, Conservatism has | one of the book's central con relied upon centralised executive power to deliver its challenge to the old consensus. It is this abuse of the British political system that is be-ginning to fragment the Conservative Party. Both the two defecting MPs cited these as

their principal reasons for leaving - but that could not have happened without wider echoes of concern and broader unease. The country

state, but both ideologies pro-vided a political anchor. In a curious way the unex-pected success of my book The State We're In, published a year ago next week and fol-lowed by a revised paperback

economy and the welfare state were capitalism's saviour - not its enemy. This has become the nighting bombardment of criticism, in some respects the book understated its case and its main arguments have been borne out by events. 1995, for example, was a record year for corporate takeovers, but investment overall has continued to languish. The connection between the

ICHAEL Heseltine will continue to es-chew the status symbols of high office. However, bowing to irresistible pressure from within his party, he will accept Ibrox, Anfield, Old Trafford, Villa Park, Portman Road and the Dell as his new regional offices. Equally reluctantly, he will accept two further titles — Deputy Prime Number, and Lord of the Rings.

SFOR New Labour, A Steptoe predicts some damaging internal fighting over the direction of policy. Mandy Mandelson's plan to auc-tion off the babies of single teenage mothers will be narrowly rejected, but the party conference will adopt three new policies. statutory maximum hair length for adolescents, workfare for old age pensioners, and an annual, index-linked subsidy of £1.6 billion to Mr Murdoch's Sky TV network.

IVERPOOL, the dog surprisingly believes will win the Premiership title in a dramatic finish. Middlesbrough will win the FA Cup, Middlesex the cricket County Championship, and Ernie Els the British Open in golf.

Brinsn Open in golf. In March, despite going down in the 11th, Frank Bruno -- or Sir Frank, as he will become in the Queen's birthday honours -will shock the world of boxing by jabbing Mike Tyson to a hotly disputed split-decision defeat in Las Vegas.

URNING his gaze to the media, Steptoe foresees Gentleman Charlie Wilson yielding his temporary control of "Independent" in May. By way of consolation, he will be permitted to nominate his own successor. Dismissing Andrew Marr and Andrew Neil (who will be tied up anyway on his hostile takeovers of CNN, GEC and ICI) as uncouth Scots, he will choose Rab C Nesbitt to replace him. When Mr Nesbitt turns down the offer on salary grounds, he will turn instead to Kelvin McKenzie, who will edit the paper during his lunch break. This will leave him time

to develop an innovative autumn schedule for Live TV centred around the intensive-care game show "From Here To Eternity", in which rival teams of celebritles bet, for charity. on which patient will die first.

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Mr Balfour shows how to split the Conservative Party by hanging on for dear life

Divided they will fall

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ment on European Union.

tween February and October

1974, while the October 1974-

79 government was defeated

The prospect of minority government looms for John Major. But with Tory backbenchers' morale so low,

Vernon Bogdanor wonders if they

have the stomach for bruising battle

HE CURRENT par-liament has up to 17 months to run. dence in March 1979. How did

John Major wants his government to last until the very end of its term. Yet it is highly likely defined a superior of the main min parties had reasons for ejecting the government Each of the main minority parties had reasons for not ejecting the government. The nationalists wanted devolu-tion on the statute book, the that within around six months, he will lose his overall majority, which is at pres-ent five, with two byelections Ulster Unionists wanted the pending and Sir Richard of Northern Ireland increased Body's allegiance uncertain. How long can the Govern-ment survive in a hung parliament?

There have been four such John Major is unlikely to parliaments since 1918, all of parliaments since 1918, all of John Major is unlikely to them involving Labour gov-ernments. The first, in 1924. lasted just 10 months, but Labour then had only 159 date. Yet any formal agree-seats out of 615. The second, in 1929 cast Labour 20 short ment with them, by aligning the Government with one of the parties to the peace prosears out of oid. The second, in 1929, saw Labour 20 short of an overall majority. The government lasted for just over two years until blown cess, would almost certainly destroy it and so also John Major's place in the history out of office by a financial crisis. For much of that time, books. Yet two further factors help-

however, Labour was in tacit alliance with the Liberals, ing a minority government whose 59 seats were sufficient are present in the 1970s and 1990s but not in the 1920s. The first is the greater fragmenta-

to keep it in power. In March 1974, Harold Wiltion of Parliament. Between son found himself heading another minority government, which he was able to convert 1922 and 1931, there were only three parties represented in the Commons, Between 1976 to an overall majority of three in a second general election and 1979, however, there were in a second general erection in October. But, by April 1976, by which time Wilson had been replaced by Callaghan, Labour's majority had been no fewer than 11 - the Conservative, Labour and Liberal no fewer than 42 times. These defeats included the loss of parties, the SNP and Plaid Cymru, the Scottish Labour the government's most imporwhittled away by defections Party (an independent breakand byelection losses. There away from Labour) and no fewer than five Northern Iretant constitutional measure, were to be six further byelecthe Scotland and Wales Bill, tion losses and three further land parties. Today, there are when a guillotine motion erendums in March cost him will be put defections under Callaghan. nine parties in the Commons, failed. The key provision nationalist support. He had Dartmouth

the number of Northern Ire-land parties having reduced devolution in Scotland — the from five to three. It is obvi-rule requiring that in the ref-Fitt, the SDLP leader. Callaously more difficult to lure eight parties into the same lobby as two. Moreover, the nationalist parties and the Northern Ireland parties erendum 40 per cent of eligi-ble voters had to vote "Yes" - was put into the revised devolution bill against the wishes of the government. The Dock Work Regulation Bill was wrecked, and a defeat on the 1978 Finance Bill resulted in a change in the know that their influence is entirely dependent upon the existence of a minority gov-erament. In a new parliament, dominated by Labour, their leverage would be nil. basic rate of income tax. In

addition, the government suf-The second factor assisting fered defeats on motions covthe survival of a minority gov-ernment is constitutional. ering its economic policy, ex-penditure White Papers and the devaluation of the green Until the 1970s, it was aspound and around 100 defeats sumed that any government which lost a vote on a three-line whip had no alternative but to resign. In 1972, how-ever, Edward Heath's majorin standing committees, most of which had to be accepted in whole or in part by the gov-ernment. These defeats in-cluded the Rooker/Wise ity Conservative government was defeated by 35 votes on amendment to the 1977 Fi-nance Bill, which raised the proposed new immigration rules. Far from resigning, the levels of income tax allowgovernment simply accepted its defeat and was indeed to ances and partially indexed them against inflation.

lose two further votes on HILE, therefore, it is difficult for a fragmented oppo-sition to oust a three-line whips during its A government is not required to resign unless it loses an explicit vote of confi-dence, or deliberately decides to make an issue one of confiminority government, that government will find it difficult to carry out its prodence - as John Major did, in gramme. Thus the last period 1992, on the "paving" vote on of John Major's administra-Maastricht, and again in 1994

tion is likely to prove one of before a vote to implement the 1992 Edinburgh agreelegislative constipation. For the constitutional conventions regulating minority gov-But while a minority government are tailor-made for ernment is likely to survive small groups of maverick in office, it may well fail to backbenchers who seek to overturn legislation. secure its legislation. The Wilson minority government was defeated 17 times be-

Under modern conditions, the prime minister of a minority government will normally be able to choose, as Wilson did in October 1974, when he goes to the country. In 1979, the Callaghan government was unlucky in having that choice taken away. The failure of the devolution ref-

ghan's last hope, Frank Maguire, an Independent Republican from Fermanagh and South Tyrone, let him down. For, after making a rare ap-pearance at Westminster, Ma-guire abstained on a no-confidence motion which the government lost by one vote. The chances of survival for a minority government, how-ever, depend less upon num-bers or constitutional conven-tions than upon psychology. Curiously, the morale of the Wilson/Callaghan minority governments remained quite high until the 1978-9 winter of discontent. Indeed, in autumn 1978, it appeared that Labour might well be returned to office. The morale of Conservative MPs today, however, could hardly be lower, and the vast majority are already reconciled to defeat. The comparison is less per-

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haps with the Labour minor-ity governments of the 1970s than with AJ Balfour's doomridden administration of 1902-05, split down the middle by Tariff Reform, a parallel to the European issue today. For the more Balfour strove to hold his party together, the more his support ebbed away. Yet, like John Major's government, Balfour's ministers were determined, in Lloyd George's graphic words, to die with their drawn salaries in their hands. In the 1906 general election, the Liberals were returned with 400 seats, and the Conservatives were reduced to 157. It was their worst electoral defeat this century.

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Stanley Devon

Shots to tell a tale within

N 1936 a photograph in the Daily Sketch by Stanley Devon, who has died aged 88, was the straw in the wind for Britain's abdication crisis. Taken in Salzburg, with a Minimum Palmos camera tunkad in his slazura it tucked in his sleeve, it showed, for the first time, the then Prince of Wales with Mrs Wallis Simpson. Devon's career matched Fleet Street's rise and fall and was closely linked to the Sunday Times in its heyday, under Harry

Evans's editorship. Born in Tottenham, north London, the fifth of eight children of a shipping clerk, he lost several family members in the first world war, includ-ing his eldest brother, who died aged 19 on the Somme. At the age of 10, Devon saw a German Zeppelin airship crashing over Cuffley. "You could see the light as far away as London," he recalled. "I can see it in my mind still, as if it happened today. It was a wonderful sight." The vision was prophetic: wartime air photography — including of the Battle of Britain — was to forge Devon's reputation.

In 1923, Devon, aged 15, was captivated by the tales of Charles Windust, a family and learning from Keystone's friend, private eye, crime reporter and photographer



Devon . . . banker's image

who showed him the magical workings of an early new darkroom and the plate cam-era that was to be his first mainstay. Through Windust's introductions, he found em-ployment at Fleet Street's Keystone View Agency. There, the Hungarian Bert Garai assigned him to hawking foot-square news pictures which gained him plenty of introductions to art editors. He acquired the skills of his labour-intensive trade by staying late in the darkroom

squeegees and gas ovens. Taking a loan from Garai, he bought an ancient Goerz camera for a fiver, and sold his first set of photographs -guardsmen training at the Al-bert Memorial — back to Garai. The pictures were widely syndicated and the Goerz paid for itself. In 1926, Garai fired him. Devon, rather than catching Norman Derham setting the British cross-Channel swimming record, had photo-graphed typist Mercedes Gleitz swimming to France. That story had a far more profitable human interest

and mastering the mysteries of MQ chemicals, rubber

angle, and it procured him his Minimum Palmos, a Carib bean assignment with the Royal Navy and then a New York trip, where he joined Associated Press. By the early thirties he was working on Royal stories, but

shooting from a two-seater Hawker Hind biplane -- provided his path to success. His first byline, accompanying the image of the 1938 mid-air refuelling of a Cambrian flying boat by a Harrow bomber, led the RAF to assign him to

Fairey Battle and Bristol head printer the skills of washing and rinsing images Blenheim bomber squadrons when the war came.



As this shot was being taken, Winston Churchill told Stanley Devon, Learn to take your pictures on the wing, my boy

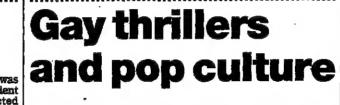
the Desert Rats' campaign. Postwar, Devon accompa-nied King George and Queen Elizabeth to South Africa in 1947, and developed a rapport with the Royals into the fifties, turning out informal and

was in north Africa during | work. In 1957, he moved from | recently, had "the air of a | show him still with homburg" the Sunday Graphic to the Sunday Times, where he remained until his retirement in 1973. On that paper he sat oddly among what Harry Evans termed "this young and zesty group" of photogra-

banker on his way to Buck-ingham Palace to be knight-ed." Family portraits, with and buttoned greatcoat, neat and gloved. ed." Family portraits, with his beloved wife Florence -Amanda Hopkinson whom he met on an assign

ment to cover the 1934 Miss Stanley Devon, photographer, born August 20, 1907; died December 2, 1985 Europe Beauty Contest in

Jeremy J Beadle



EREMY JBeadle, who Beadle suggested it was more vital than ever, and that the very things such critics has died aged 39, was known and respected for shunned — samplers, synthe-sisers and production tech-niques — should be embraced work in three quite distinct fields. He was a writer of two successful gay-themed thrill-ers, an authority on classical as the music's lifeforce. A groundbreaking account of the influence of postmusic, and a brilliant critic of modern pop and dance music. After Oxford, where he ob-tained a first in Classics, he worked at the GLC until its

modernism on popular music the book was also the supreme example of Jaremy's ability to look at and defend "low", culabolition, and then, from 1986, ture from a highly cultured

position. The Virgin Guide To Classi-

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The Guardian Wednesday January 3 1996

Prince of print

Larry Bartlett

ARRY Bartlett, the best photographic printer of modern times, took his own life, aged 42. It was a sad end for a man who brought happiness to many photogra-phers - not an easy bunch to lease. Bartlett could rescue a had negative and make it into

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Bartlett employed his con-siderable skills on the Daily Express until early last year. But with the advance of new technology his expertise was needed less and less. The Express, in common with most national titles, no longer has a full-scale darkroom, and so finally Bartlett was made redundant. The thought of not being able to continue his craft in his beloved news-paper industry affected him more than his friends and family realised. He got a post in a commercial photographic printers, but it just wasn't the

He started out as a tea boy with the Press Association before going on to work with the Daily Express, a paper with a great reputation (before it went tabloid) for using pic-tures well. Bartlett had been there for more than 20 years, printing for some of the best known photographers in Fleet Street — John Downing and the Guardian's Roger

Bamber among them. In 1990, he joined the Royal Photographic Society and immediately won a fellowship. He soon became chairman of the distinctions panel and was al-ways available to help photographers who wanted to learn how to print properly. He was in demand on the lecture and workshop circuit and a book due out shortly will provide a further opportunity to share some of his skills. He won more than 40 major awards for his work.

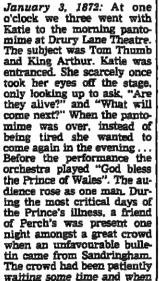
Esmonn McCabe

Larry Bartlett, photographic printer, born December 30, 1952; died December 7, 1995

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Another Day Irene Ighodaro





world-wide YWCA, and was elected a world vice-president in 1967. She was elected

in 1967. She was elected national president of the YWCA of Nigeria in 1965, and in 1966 published her first book, Baby's First Year. Back in Benin City with her husband, the third phase of her career began. She set up the University of Benin's teaching hospital and became first chairman of the board. It had been appointed to so high a policy-making position in Nigeria, but she had no doubt

at the Home office. But he was of her ability to do the job. She was able to harness "bored rigid" by the job. "Since I was a little child I'd. odwill from her innum always wanted to put pen

an award winner.

the sad bulletin was posted a grean of dismay ran through the people. One man exclaimed, "Serve him right!" Immediately the infuriated crowd seized him, stripped him naked, knocked him down and kicked him up and down the street like a football till the police burst in and rescued him just in time before he was killed. Kilvert's Diary, vol 2. Cape, 1969.

Birthdays

----David Atherion, conductor, 51; Michael Barratt, broadcaster, 67; Victor Borge, pia-nist and comedian, 86; Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secre-tary and head of the Civil Service, 57; Fran Cotton, former England rugby international, 47; Roger Daltrey, singer, 51; Patricia Ewing, controller, Radio 5, 56; Mel Gibson, actor, 39; Richard Hanbury-Tenison, Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent, 70; Sir Roy Harding, educationist, 71; John Paul Jones, rock musician and producer, 49; Anya Linden, former ballerina, 62; George Martin, re- Cord producer, 69: Doreen
 Massey, Prof of Geography,
 Open University, 51; Siegmund Nissel, violinist, 73;
 Victoria Principal, actress, John Fountain writes: I last saw Shura Cherkassky (obituary. December 29) perform in 50: Michael Schumacher, November at the Royal Northracing driver, 27; Robert Steedman, archite ern College of Music in Man-chester. He was obviously in ct. 66: Matthew Taylor, Liberal Demopoor health at the time, yet there was no falling off in his crat MP, 32; John Thaw, actor, 53; David Vine, sports powers. He played sonatas by commentator, 59.

Jackdaw

Seeking Susan

Premiere: In some of your

early film roles you're very

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other day, and she was so nice to me after that ... I kept

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potential of, African women. Her background had prenared her well, for she would need to start her practice three times from scratch. First, in Benin City on her arrival from England, then in Ibadan in 1952, where the family moved after her husband, Samuel Ighodaro, won a seat in Nigeria's first legisla ture and was appointed Minister of Health. When she tried to register to vote, she

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learn from them ... I saw my-

self as a character actress, and

Irene Ighodaro . . . beating prejudice and expectations Tyne she joined her brother's dence atmosphere. Many of large practice. large practice. She was born in Freetown, was refused on the grounds fervent nationalists during that women did not pay tax. She insisted on paying tax and voting. The third move came in 1968, during the Bia-Sierra Leone, where her civil the forties in London were now influential leaders. engineer father was in charge During this time, she mobi

of the waterworks; employed in the colonial service, he was the only black head of a pubfran civil war, when her hus-band returned to the newly lic department for three decreated Midwest State as a cades. A great uncle had read law at Oxford before qualify-ing as a doctor in Edinburgh; another uncle built the City high court judge. She had entered Durham University medical school at the start of the second world war, and qualified in 1945, becoming Sierra Leone's first Hotel, Freetown, immortalised in Graham Greene's The Heart Of The Matter. woman doctor, the first African woman to qualify as a doctor in the UK, and Black Mixing with academics, politicians, diplomats and

Africa's second female doctor. medical colleagues in Ibadan, After six months as house-man at the Royal Victoria the home of Nigeria's first university, she thrived in the Infirmary in Newcastle-uponstimulating post-indepen-

From Premiere cover woman

Beethoven and Chopin with | enormous authority, and ended his programme with a typically teasing set of engive prominence to those like Madeleine Barot (obituary, January 2) outside the main cores. Every Cherkassky recital was an unforgettable stream, who have made such a contribution to the story of demonstration of the joy of music-making. Audiences loved him, and to the end he our times. In October 1994 there was much excitement in the French Protestant comseemed touchingly grateful for their applause. He'll be munity at the showing of a two-hour film on prime time sadly missed French TV about the small

pital was built, staffed and opened in two years. Her expectation of a quiet retirement still did not materialise, because in 1982, en tirely unexpectedly, the Oba of Benin conferred on her husband (who had by then also retired) the title of Ivase of Benin, regarded by tradi-tionalists believing in a div-ine kingship as "the highest rank to which a mortal can

aspire". By this ironic gift, the woman who had been lised women into new and effective organisations. She awarded an MBE in 1958, and spent a lifetime seeking social was, for example, a founder member of the National Counreform, found herself within the establishment, and discil of Women's Societies covered a tradition rich in (1959), a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of complexity and nuance. She is survived by three the Western region, and president of the Nigerian Associa-

sons and a daughter. tion of University Women. Anthony O Ighodaro

In the 1950s she started the Benin branch of the YWCA and attended the World Con-Irene Elizabeth Bestrice Ighoference in London in 1955. She became a member of the daro, doctor and social reformer, born May 16, 1916; Executive Council of the died Not mber 29, 1995

Mark Sage writes: It is good to | rural Protestant community which, at great cost, so coura-geously sheltered thousands of Jewish children in Vichy France, French Protestant had not had such media coverage (significant to their pro-file in a secular and Catholic society) in decades. Would that a British television chanof pop in the late eighties and

nel could screen this memora-

ble and fascinating film.

paper," he told an interviewer in 1990. "But I always came up ble international contacts, and forced the project past bureaucratic obstruction, with nice, middle-class stories male egos, political sabotage and vested interest. The hosabout nice, middle-class angst in 1984, I moved from Oxford to London and then I aspired

to writing the great gay and the great Oxford novel. Both proved elusive and difficult to do. Then in 1986 an affair went wrong and because I wanted - symbolically - to kill him, wrote Death Scene. It was a kind of exorcism.

Death Scene (1988), the first of two acclaimed thrillers. marked a watershed in Jer-emy's life. Soon after, he left the Home Office and turned to freelance journalism.

Jeremy embraced what others would call "the seedy underworld" of London's less glamorous gay bars and clubs as wholeheartedly in his own life as he had in his first novel. Death Scene was followed by Doing Business - A Love Story About Murder And

The Free Market (1990). A regular contributor to

Classic CD, Opera Now and Gay Times, he wrote and pre-sented the Radio 3 series, In A Word, and was the presenter for 1994's Prom News. He also made regular appearances on Radio 4's Kaleidoscope. In 1993, he added the J to his ame to avoid being mistaken for the television presenter. His first book as Jeremy J Beadle, Will Pop Eat Itself? Pop Music In The Soundbite Era (1998), was a brilliant and highly idiosyncratic overview

the breadth of his knowledge in classical music. A book on the composers of the Romantic movement was published last year.

Research Fund. CHERKASSIY, Shura, all finands are very welcome to attend the Junarel service to be held at 8. George's Church, Hencover Source, London W1 on Monday 6th January at J.Dom to be tothowed by private burgal. No Rovers please, but donations for The Musicians' Benevolent Rund or The Ameri-can Friends of the Cdesse, Philharmonic Orchestra can be sent cid Leverino & Sons, 312 Eversholt Street, London W11 180. A man whose passions were as wide as his talents were vast, Jeremy could speak and write as enthusiastically and expertly about The Foo Fight-

212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 180. POWPEL, John BA (Hone) A.R.I.B.A. AM.T.P.I. of Regal Wiley Harrow. Uncom-pectedly but pascetully at none 31.12.95 aged 78. A peace building block. A com-mitted peace campaigner, runner, artait, eccentric, he will be missed by many, noi least his loving wife Hilary, daughters All-son and Vivien and prendchildren. Family cremation followed by Trankeguing Ser-vice at Kenton Methodist Church, Tutteday Bth of Jamasy 3.45 pm. Family Soverso only, donations to The London Connection (For The Homeless Young) List 071 221 0533 or Greenpeace. ers as he could about Benja-min Britten or Ruth Rendell. Ebullient and darkly comic. he was every bit as good com-pany as he was a writer. He lived his all-too-short life to the full. Jeremy was diag-

biss or Greenpeace. ROBERTS. Hilds Garinuda, on 27 December peacetulity after a short illness at Farmborough Hospital aged 91 years. Nuch loved Holter of Cenore, Howard and Marianne, devoted Grandmother of Robert, Heirr, isabel, Matthew, Herrireta, Lucada, Georgina, Katherina, Elisabeth and Care and Grashgrandmother of Joseph. Com-menoration and Committal on 11 January at 10.45 in Kent. A Memorial Sarvice will take place at Sale United Reformed Church at a laise date. No flowers places, interme-boral through Frances. Chancel & Soviet Sarvice will be also take. No flowers place at Sale United Reformed Church at a laise date. No flowers places, but constons, if desired, to Armesty interme-boral through Frances. Chancel & Soviet. nosed HIV positive at the end of October. His decline was frighteningly rapid. In mid-December, he was admitted to hospital, where he died from an Aids-related illness. onal through Frances Orbington, 01689 975115. Jeremy John Beadle, writer and

SCHEJCHT, Theo, died paeceluity in his sleep in Malforce 29/12/95. proadcaster, born April 28, 1956;

steep in Malionze 23/12/95. STOME. Penceluity on Dec 28th 19th in Hyde Hospital iormerty of Glosson. Edain (Zainyi aged 89 yaars, loving eifle of the tale Clifford. Much loved mother of Mi-chael, Peter and Margarel, loving grandma and grast-grandma, will be saddy missed. Funeral service and commital at Pleasing-ton Crematorium, Blackburn on Thuraday 4th January 1996 at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please, but donations il is odesired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society of the Inneral director. All enguines. Nell Harvey, Harvey's Funeral Service, 5 Balcarres Road, Leyland, Preston Lanca, PRS 9th.

THORP, December Stat, peac ton Leeds, aged 57 years, beloved husband of Hazel, an

ZADIK, Frank: Much loved husband, father and grandlather, died on December 37st 1995. aged 81. WTo piece your announcement telephone 0171 611 9060

early nineties. At a time when other critics were arguing that pop music was dead, Beadle ... idiosyncratic

Nichard Smith

died December 27, 1995

Saturn and in the tenth house at Westminster. This is the worst possible news for the Government, indicating that even its best thought-out ven tures will sink without trace . There will be trouble with shipping. In Bahrain the fundamentalist threat is now at a peak, with serious strategic problems for the west. The incoln Handicap may be won by a horse carrying 8st 10lbs and the Grand National by the favourite.

APRIL The New Moon on the 17th is a solar eclipse in Aries, and falls in the fourth house at Westminster. The Government will be afflicted by scandal and probably a large financial loss due to a speculative mess, perhaps a currency crisis. JUNE The Full Moon on the 1s is in Sagittarius and falls in the welfth house at Westminster, indicating the possibility of prison break-outs ... Albania is entering a deep crisis, while Macedonia could be about to tear itself apart There is further tension and threat of war in India. AUGUST The Full Moon on

house at Westminster, causing possible problems associated with the Church; there will be the first moves to appoint a female bishop . . . There could be an army mutiny in Egypt. SEPTEMBER....The period around the 9th brings a heightened possibility of earth tremors, random terrorist attacks or nuclear accidents, with Germany and Japan being the most sensitive regions. NOVEMBER The Full Moon

on the 25th is in an exact opposite to Pluto. This raises serious questions concerning international crime. There may be thefts of plutonium or a wider nuclear threat ... At Doncaster races, the November Handicap may be won by the second favourite. A few highlights, if that's the right word, of 1996 as predicted in Foulsham's Original Old Moore's Almanack

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I would only get things that were either too difficult to cast a nun working on death row or that somebody else didn't want... I travelled a lot, I did just about everything you can do and not die. [Loughs] That's what your youth is for. Premiere: Your image is one of a very free, sexual older woman. Some of the younger generation of actresses have played characters who use their sexuality as a power trip. Sarandon: Sexuality's always been a power tool, hasn't it?...I love my sexuality and I've always been aware of it but I think of it more as a quality that says that you say yes to life, rather than something that's coy. For 15 years they've been asking me to do Playboy and my problem has been that I never can understand why everybody loses their personality when their clothes come off. [Laughs] And now I'm not really interested

liked about that so much? It's probably a relief to her to said once when I was pregknow what a wimp I was when nant that I would do it and younger. You know, I've made an enormous amount of very they completely shied away , and your choice from it. That was 10 years ago. is you either destruct or you They missed their chance

No Nirvana ACCORDING to David Cannon, author of Generation X and the New Work Ethic, the 18-34 age group has been neglected because business is less interested in them, be-cause they have little dispos

able income compared with their yuppie elders and toybuying teenage juniors. As a result of this reluctance to find out much about a surprisingly large chunk of the population (19 per cent in Britain), most of the information about Generation X-ers comes from qualitative surveys . . . and the few large questionnaires that have been commissioned to produce statistically accurate data "have provided little understanding". As a result, while optimis

in solving that question. I had

painting a much bleaker picture. Social dislocation and Susan Sarandon's interview for her new movie — she plays generational isolation will increase and the safety net hanging below British society will all but disappear. The future will still promise much but the present will be grim and depressing — for the working population at As [Helen Wilkinson, pro-

ect director at the think-tank Demos] says, "The paradox is that the Generation-X age group is more educated than any previous generation and it is imbued with postmodern beliefs and materialism from its exposure to the media. But in a deteriorating society they're just not going to fulfill them, and that will be very frustrating."

Yes — but do you remember how 2001 was going to be full of Courreges-booted stewardesses circling in space Hiltons? Gloom from Business Age

Precious things

tic technology gurus paint a THAT IS not to say that an picture of the future as a wonashtray cannot be a wonderderful blizzard of networked information and enlightenful and extremely desirable ment, social researchers are object in its own right, as the

design solutions presented in this show clearly demonstrated. The works of nine designers, including Aldo Rossi and Ettore Sottsass, were the centrepiece . . . stripped of any moral or social baggage, the nine ashtrays ultimately remained as objects: vari-ously dull, witty, elegant, enigmatic, desirable and

erotic. The solutions to the functionally simple task of containing spent cigarettes and ash varied in approach: from an elegantly understated hub-like disc in pressure-cast aluminium from Toshiyuki

Kita to a surreal earthenware 'new object of curiosity" (Elizabeth Garouste and Mattia Bonetti's collaboration), a tortoise with a woman's head

and mini-skirted legs. The uncompromising "fuck-you" phallic statement that was Love Arbèn's offering raised many a smile among the

crowd, while Andrée Putman's pewter ashtray with its mollusc-like circular trap door was, in its use of material, its understated detailing

moker would want to own. Clive Hilton's review of a. Desien Museum exhibition in things, a journal produced by Victoria & Albert Museum/ Royal College of Art. Next stop, Pseud's Corner.

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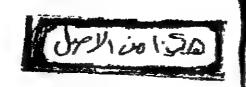
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City curbs utilities' leaks

Insider dealing targeted by new code of conduct

Industria) Editor

HE Stock Exchange yesterday tried to close the door on leaks of price-sensitive information from the privatised utilities regulators when it produced a regulators when it produced a long awaited code of conduct to block insider dealing. The code was provoked by the leak of details of an elec-tricity price review last July which lad to charge worth fil

watchdogs, their industries or the Exchange, as they do no more than endorse the pro-cedures followed last summer by the electricity regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild. The Exchange, headed by chief executive Michael Law-rence, said the new code had been issued with the full

agreement of 11 regulatory bodies and followed three ed to shares worth £1 which led to shares worth £1 months of "extensive consul-billion changing hands on the tation". It warned that leaks

day before the new controls were to have been published. But the guidelines are un-

likely to stem criticism of the

of price-sensitive information "may, in some circumstances, lead to insider dealing". But one of its main conclu-sions is that regulators may still issue information to comhours in advance on a strictly "need to know" basis. Last July Prof Littlechild

followed precisely this proce-dure, providing the 12 chief executives of the regional electricity companies with copies of his price review 24 hours in advance so that they could prepare their Within four hours, on the Exchange's advice, the regu-lator was forced to bring for: ward the announcement of the source of the leak was

his review findings after details of the controls were-leaked to the stock market. Although the Stock Ex-change immediately launched

companies in advance provoked outrage last July, but the Exchange has not chosen an insider dealing enquiry, interviewing officials at the companies and at the Office of to try halting the practice. It has also resisted a compro-Electricity Regulation (Offer), mise measure where early

copies are kept under wraps and at stopping potential in until the close of the market sider dealing sider dealing. Richard Kilsby, the Ex

on the preceding day. Under the new guidelines change's director of market services, said: "Our concern regulators are being asked to is to preserve London's repu keep lists of people to whom tation for maintaining fair and orderly markets, and we the information has been shown in advance and to adare delighted that the indus-try regulators have joined with us in setting standards for the handling of price-sen-sitiveinformation within vise other interested parties of the confidential nature of the information.

They should also provide the Exchange with an ad-vance copy of the information at the same time as the comtheir remit." The Exchange consulted panies, so officials can take with Offer and its gas and water counterparts, Ofgas and Ofwat. Other bodies inan informed view of the price sensitivity of the material, the new code says. Watchdogs are being asked

tolved were the Civil Avia-tion Authority, the Environ-ment Agency, the Gaming Board of Great Britain, the In-dependent Television Comto consult the Exchange as well if the information has been leaked and, where appropriate, release the infor-mation immediately. mission and the watchdogs for the National Lottery and

Underlining the importance the Rail industry. in an unusual move, the Office of Fair Trading was of the new code, senior officials from the Exchange said that it was aimed at preventclosely involved in the discusing disorderly markets in the shares of regulated industries sions, even though it is not an industry regulator.

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Edited by

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Notebook

when it became apparent that the contents of a highly sensitive report by electricity regu-lator. Stephen Littlechild, were known in the stock mar-ket ahead of their official

of an incident last summer

Record sales talk

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The source of the leak has not yet been identified but it emerged at the time that, in line with the then practice Mr Littlechild's report had been made available to senior industry executives some 24 hours ahead of the announcement on the understanding that the contents would

remain confidential. Under yesterday's Stock Ex-change guidelines, there is nothing to prevent a repeat of last summer's episode. The greatly exaggerated. Far from Christmas being the harbinger of recession -- as some of the gloomier forecasters were telling us a couple of months ago - we now find that shops guidelines recommend that were packed to bursting and the period between the regula tor giving information to a Some of the evidence for company and its advisers and its general announcement should be kept to a minimum this, it is true, comes from retailers themselves and this

needs to be treated with cau-tion. All the upbest quotes and should not normally be more than 24 hours. Of course, regulators nee have tended to come from big to talk to the companies they regulate and those companies chains or large department stores, where sales have held

will always be able to make an educated guess, from the information they are asked to provide, about the direction up reasonably well over the past year or so. Little or nothing has been heard from the independent retailers, where of their regulator's thinking. But as the Exchange itself the cut-throat price war be tween supermarkets and the drift to out-of-town shopping notes. The more certain or specific a piece of informa-tion, the more price sensitive has made life very tough That said, yesterday's it will be. Nothing could be money supply figures suggest that the talk of a "record"

more specific, and hence more price sensitive, than a regulator's final conclusions. Despite Stock Exchange protestations that companies need time to draw up their responses to complex issues, it is less than obvious why regulators' conclusions should be made available in advance to the industry. It is rather more apparent why they should

Tough task ARANADA'S Gerry Rob

inson could be forgiven for feeling like a man

that Granada could clinch the

bid if it upped its offer to around 375p a share, about 50p above the current level.

Mr Robinson could probably muster that kind of fire

power, but may find it harder to persuade himself such a

price represents value for

Forte defence centres on 'aggressive' hotels strategy

proceeds from its proposed sale to Whitbread of Little ien King Chef, Happy Eater and Wel-come Break, insisting it was ORTE yesterday played its last card in the fight against Granada's \$3.3 billion hostile bid, prom-"crazy" for a company like Forte not to have borrowings. £3.3 billion hostile bid, prom-ising shareholders a multi-million-pound 'r loyalty-sets have value, and that The hotels-to-motorway ser-vices group announced a big-nounced the appointment of

Predator Granada cries 'quick fix' at £800m share buy-back plan launched on Day 39



News that copies of the report had been handed to 12

never uncovered.

ger-than-expected £800 mil-lion share buy-back plan, and promised shareholders divi-refused to bow to City calls dend rises of at least 20 per for him to split his job of cent a year over the next chairman and chief execufor him to split his job of tive. Defending the decision, three years. In its "Day 39" defence doc- he said: "It makes sense to

ument - so called because carry on with the present the 39th day is the last in structure. The board needs a which a bid target can pubrecognised leader." lish any new information --Forte said its prospects were excellent as an independent

company. Forte also pledged to give its 68 per cent Savoy Hotel stake to shareholders, and committed itself to "aggres-sive" expansion of its Meri-dien and Posthouse brands.

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Unveiling the package, chairman and chief executive Sir Rocco Forte said "new Forts" would be a major international hotel company final." with an "outstanding" posi-

tion in London. He added: 'The new Forte will be a highly efficient and very valuable pure hotel company. Our proposals offer significantly more value than to 642p.

Granada, and shareholders should reject [Granada's] ill-conceived bid." broker Kleinwort Benson, puts Forte's break-up value at 23.6 billion. He said the de-

Granada immediately hit back, accusing Forts of at-tempting a "quick fix", and dropping a clear hint that it would raise its offer. It must do so by next Tuesday. Sir Rocco rebutted sugges-

fence. He added: "This is heavyweight — it seriously

For Granada, chief executive Gerry Robinson said: "For Forts to meet these commitments on dividend growth, while achieving a prudent level of dividend cover, requires profits to double in three years. That is a tall order for a management that has conspicuously failed to deliver profits, earnings and dividends in the past." Charles Allen, chief execu-tive designate, added: "We haven't said it (the bid) is Shares for Forte jumped 12%p to 348p on the news, reflecting City hopes of a higher bid from Granada, while Graneda shares fall 3p Analyst Greg Feehely: of

tions that Forte should clear puts pressure on Granada to reply to Granada's bostile bid yesterday

Keeping quiet

was driven by pre-Christmas discounting and the lure of the sales.

We shall see. In the latest three months, M0 has been who thought he was climbing growing at an annualised rate in the ring with Mr Blobby f 7.5 per cent, compared to only to be confronted by Frank Bruno. Since Granada the Government's monitoring range of 0-4 per cent. Even if launched its £3.3 billion takethere are problems with adover bid for Forts, the latter usting for seasonal factors or has put up a spirited defence. allowing for changes in the culminating in yesterday's elocity of circulation in an defence document. era of low base rates (as there That said, however, Forte is may be) that still represents a by no means out of the wood. At least some analysis reckon

Christmas has the ring of truth about it. Demand for

notes and coins was strong in

December, suggesting consumers were holding large quantities of cash.

Some economists believe

that the relationship between

M0 (largely, but not exclu-sively, notes and coins) and

retail sales is less close than it was in the 1980s. Others suggest that even if there was

a spending spree last month it

hefty rate of growth. With the Halifax reporting that house prices are on the turn, new car sales relatively robust and income tax cuts in the pipeline, consumer spend-ing should be robust this year. Especially if the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, shaves another half-point off base rates sometime in the next couple of months,

money for his shareholders. Even if he comes in with something less than that fig-ure, Forte shareholders will still have to ponder whether the corporate finance skills demonstrated during the bid T IS one thing to close the stable door after the horse has bolted. Having prombattle will spill over into the operational management, should Granada be repelled. If

ised to do so, however, it is quite another then to leave the door wide open. Yet it is hard to put any other inter-pretation of the Stock Ex-change's guide to industry regulators over the disclosure of price sensitive informa-The guidelines are a result to prop up the share price.

Forte does retain its indepen years, though in the short term the £800 million buy-

Ritzy or cheap, it's hotel-value hell

The story so far

New 22: Granada launches shock £3.4 billion bid for Forte, as predicted in that morning's Guardian. New 23: Sir Rocco Forte says Granada's Geny Robinson is build-

ing a "sprawling conglomerate". New 28: Forte sells catering supplier Puritan Maid for £7.5 million. Dec 2: Forte announces sale of Lillywhites for £28.5 million. Dec 4: Forte announces plans to demerge restaurant and hotel

businesses and to sell Savoy stake.

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"trophy" hotels. Dec 11: Savoy directors meet Forte to formally discuss bid. Forte asks Takeover Panel to investigate reports that Granada intends to make £100 million extra profits from Forte in its first year of control.

Granada denies making the claim. Dec 12: Granada shareholders back bid, giving board authority to

raise offer it necessary. Dec 13: Forte claims Granada will cut at least 5,000 jobs if it wins. Dec 14: Granada says it can make an extra £100 million from Forte in first year of control, Takeover Panel criticises Forte over wording

in defence document. Dec 15: Granada shares fall below underwriting price. Dec 18: High Court makes Forte a party to Forte Council's case. Dec 19: Talks to sell Forte's White Hart hotel chain collepse.

Dec 20: Forte sells US Travelodge chain for £114 million. Dec 27: Forte confirms planned sale of Welcome Break, Happy

Eater and Little Chef to Whitbread for £1 billion. Dec 29: Forte raises full year profits forecast by another 25 million. Dec 30: Forte publishes revaluation of hotels portfolio, valuing

them at an extra £355 million. Jan 2: Forte announces £800 million share buy-back in its final

defence document.

Jan 9: Granada has until today to increase its offer. The developing plot. Jan 23: Bid period ends under takeovar rules - a winner and loser will emerge.

Accuracy in valuation is a bit of a myth, argues ROGER COWE; a hotel is worth what the buyer will pay

ORTE has announced | judgment - or to put it that the latest valua-tion of its botels added crudely, guesswork. Like all assets, hotels are £355 million to its price. worth what somebody is But rather than ask what a prepared to pay for them, and it is impossible to fig-ure out what that som hotel is worth, it is tempt-ing to ask whether a hotel might be in the absence of valuation is worth the paper it is printed on. an actual offer. The recent The point was driven sale of the Ritz by Trafalgar home viciously by the House proved the point. Queens Moat fiasco three Trafalgar looked to have years ago. The hotel group been optimistic in putting the Ritz in its books at £60 had to reduce the value of million — yet the Barclay brothers paid £75 million its property by more than £1 billion, but even then was not sure where it stood for it. On one level, that reflects since two prominent firms of valuers had come up with figures some £500 mil-

what is described as "the premium attributed by a special purchaser", which Forte claims would apply to lion apart. Worse still, the value was then increased by £100 million during the its Exclusive and Meridien hotels, Alternatively, the following year. Putting a price on a hotel £75 million is said to reflect ness of residential value-tions that most household-ers have suffered. But it still relies enormously on Such serendipity cannot determination of the state and the serendipity cannot determination of the state and the state

be catered for in profes- capitalisation factor is in sional valuations, which part judgmental and must have to rely on normal expectations of what objec-tive, financially-motivated copie would pay. Clearly, that must be

based on the profit or cash flow which the hotel can be expected to generate, but that raises two big proh-lems. First, as the Royal In-weight to cash flows in the weight to cash flows in the veyors' guidance puts it: "The valuer should ... form an opinion as to the future achieved". Our italics em-phasise that one valuer's opinion is unlikely to be that am another's and opinion is another's and that any opinion will depend on views of the economy - which will determine

profitability. The second difficulty, even if such opinions are uniform, is how to convert selling price — what multi-plier or "capitalisation fac-

reflect the valuer's percep tion of the risk or security associated with the hotel

and its profit potential". The accountants prefer the more complex and more scientific approach of using a discounted cash flow earlier years, but as they admit: "It does rely on the subjective judgment of the valuer to assess the degree

stances remain crucial, as well as the accountants' notions of best practice. Forte's own experience illustrates that. Two years ago, the group had to knock more than £400 million anticipated earnings into a from its balance-sheet asset value after a revaluation. However, last year slightly more was added back be-

AT&T puts cost of break-up at \$6bn and 40,000 jobs

Chris Barrie

HE loss of 40,000 jobs and a \$6 billion (£3.87 billion) pre-tax charge against fourth quarter earnings were yester-AT&T, the American telecoms company.

split itself into three compa-nies by the end of the year, compulsory redundancy. So

while another 4,000 will leave busine

other measures as essential if It also sought to reassure the businesses are to be com- the state of New Jersey, petitive, chairman Robert where it has 48,000 employ-Allen said: "Compassion will ees, by pledging to keep more be an essential ingredient in than 40,000 people on the the handling of the job cuts." payroll.

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS Singapore 2.14 South Ainca 5.44 France 7.30 Italy 2,400 Australia 2.01 Malta 0.5375 Germany 2.15 Mana 0.5375 adult nated 3-7 Graece 363.00 Netherlands 2.42 Spain 181.25 Hong Kong 11.72 New Zealand 2.31 Sweden 10.10 India 54.59 Norway 9.54 Buitzenard 1.72 Ireland 0.95 Portugal 225.00 Turkey 88,882 Israel 4.86 Saudi Arabia 5.75 USA 1.5075 Supplied by HatWest Bank (excluding Indian ruppe and Israeli shekel).

AT&T is separating into three groups: telecoms ser-vices, systems and technology, and computing. The ser-vices division is set to shed 17,000 jobs bringing the workforce down to 110,000, while people leaving a workforce of

The measures follow a \$1.5 billion charge against third quarter earnings to cover the cost of cutting 8,500 jobs from a workforce of 43,000 at the computer group, Global Information Solutions.

AT&T hoped yesterday that the number of staff facing compulsory job losses would fall as voluntary schemes

were extended.

day announced as the cost of the systems and technology a radical restructuring at company will lose 23,000 With the group preparing to

the board admitted that up to 30,000 employees are facing far 6,500 managers have ac-

cepted voluntary redundancy as the group divests non-core

Describing the job cuts and

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Further cuts in interest rate forecast as confidence returns to the High Street

Bumper takings predicted

Sarah Ryle

FRANTIC start to the sales season after a strong lead up to the holiday led high street stores yesterday to predict re-cord Christmas takings.

The Retail Consortium, which represents traders. said that anecdotal evidence from its members painted a ward one. rosy picture of consumer de-mand and would maintain a steady pick-up in retailers' Housing market turning but no big

Hugh Clark, trading policy director at the Retail Consor-tium, said: "Christmas started in earnest in November and December, starting quietly but gathering pace followed by a pretty frantic start to the post-Christmas sale period. We would anticipate a record Christmas in terms of takings

Larry Elliott

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rise in the cost of a home. Despite the 0.8 per cent

increase last month, house

prices were still 1.4 per

cent lower last month than

However, the Halifax

in December 1994.

RITAIN'S biggest

This optimistic outlook was Building society, the Halifax, expresses confidence today that the housing market has at last stabilised. It reports the fifth successive monthly supported by the latest official measure of cash in circulation, traditionally regarded as a guide to the buoyancy of

consumer spending. City analysts backed the fifth successive monthly retailers' forecast in the light of the Bank of England figures which showed a sharp rise of 1.2 per cent in the amount of cash and bankers' balances in the system during

Nigel Richardson, of the

£100m

sector

feeds

to the

Japanese bank Yamaichi. said: "These figures are tell-ing us something about the robustness of retail sales in the run up to Christmas and it could be a bumper one. There is some concern that December is a difficult month to seasonally adjust but I think that might be overthe Bank of England. stated. There might be a revision later in January but that does not have to be a down-

The December rise in nar- in circulation. That rose by a ownoney brought the annu- 0.8 per cent in December, the row money brought the annu-al rate to 5.9 per cent, the highest since August last biggest gain for more than a year, and the annual rate of increase grew to 6 per cent. year, but about a third of the monthly increase which pro-duced the annual growth was The authorities have used M0 in the past as an approxi-mate guide to future inflationdue to bankers' deposits with ary trends but City commen-Retail optimism, howeve tators dismissed the possibil ity that yesterday's figures might deter the Chancellor was further supported by the boost to the more meaningful element of the narrow money from cutting interest rates in (M0) measure, notes and coin | the next few months.

price rises in sight, says Halifax

pick up by 2 per cent in 1996, prompted by a 10 per cent rise in transactions.

The market is turning, but

people should not expect

fireworks on the house prices side", said Gary Marsh of the Balifer.

After a number of false dawns, he was cautions

about the year ahead, but felt that the market would

potential buyers were de

terred by high debts, higher taxes and dearer

gradually "get better" Last year, activity dropped by 10 per cent as

Adam Cole, of James Capel & Co, said: "While historical experience suggests caution in reading too much into the M0 release, the bulk of evidence is now clearly pointing to a healthy increase in De cember sales. This need not however, carry too many im lications for base rat spite the fact that both nar row and broad annual mone tary growth now exceed the ment's targets.

He forecast a fall in the minimum cost of borrowing from the current 6.5 per cent to 5.75 per cent in the spring, in three quarter-point stages. Analysts at Hoare Govett warned that the latest figures suggested "underlying robusiness in the economy" and that the Government's inflation target of 25 per cent or less was "unlikely".

Yamaichi's Mr Richardson said: "This data will not affect the Chancellor's decision on interest rates and our forecas for another cut within the first quarter of 1996 is un-

Retailers will have to wait until January 18 to see whether the official retail sales data support the anec-dotal evidence of a Christmas boom in consumer spending. But the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey, published next week, will provide further inment in the housing The Labour Party today dicators to the scale of the revival in consumer demand.

says that recovery is being hampered by the number of repossessed homes flooding the market and proposes measures to reduce the The narrow money figures surprised commentators, who had been predicting an over-all rise of 1 per cent in Decem-ber against November. Banknumber of properties seized back by lenders. Shadow housing minis-ter, Nick Raynsford, said the 300,000 homes reposers' deposits at the Bank of England accounted for about one third of the monthly in-

essed since John Major be The three month annuacame Prime Minister in lised growth rate of notes and coin in circulation grew by 7.5 per cent.

Bowing out ... Lord Hartwell

News in brief

Farewell Hartwell at the Telegraph

LORD Hartwell, whose family owned and controlled the Daily Telegraph for decades, has left the board and ended the family's link to the group. Lord Hartwell's decision was prompted by the Hartwell family trust's sale of its remaining 5 per cant stake in Telegraph plc last month to Hollinger Inc of Toronto, whose chairman is Conrad Black. Lord Hartwell, 84, joined the group in 1946 and became a director in 1948. He was chairman and editor-in-chief from 1954 to 1987 and founded the Sunday Talegraph in 1961. — Pauline Springett

Saatchi search over

SAATCHI & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide, one of the main networks of the group now called Cordiant, has ended its lengthy search for an operational boss. John Fitzgerald has been ap-pointed president and chief operating officer, reporting to chair-

man and chief executive Ed Wax. Mr Fitzgerald, based in Tokyo, runs McCann-Erickson Japan. He has worked for McCann-Erickson for five years and was vice chairman of the agency's north American operations before moving to Tokyo. He has spent 24 years in the industry, including a pine-year spell with Ted Bates, the US agency whose takeover rocketed the Saatchi & Saatchi group to the top of the advertising eague in 1986. — Roger Couve

Drea

Power cut

EAST Midlands Electricity is to give its customers an extra £6 discount off bills between now and the end of March. The company said the discount followed its cost-cutting campaign and would be on top of a 250.56 discount already announced in the wake of the flotation of the National Grid. One of the three regional electricity companies so far unaffected by the spate of takeovers in the sector, East Midlands announced last month it would pay its shareholders a special dividend of £1.20 a share at a cost of £288 million. — *Chris Barrie*

Society marriage

STROUD & Swindon Building Society will marge with City & Metropolitan before the end of April, the two societies announced yesterday. The enlarged society will continue to be known as Stroud & Swindon and will become the 25th largest mutual player with combined assets of \$300 million. Qualifying City & Metropoli-tan members who held a minimum \$100 to a share account on November 30, 1995 will get 250 plus a bonus of 5 per cent bonus of their account balance up to a maximum £2,500. In addition, borrow ers will be entitled to a 1 per cent discount on their mortgage rate from the date of the merger until June 1997. — *Chif Jones*



The Halifax says con-sumer confidence is likely ment in the to improve in 1996, boosted market".

by a growth in real in-

comes. The recent falls in

mortgage rates will aid the

market, it says. Separate data from the

British Bankers Associa-

tion - which represents

the leading Righ Street banks — showed that net mortgage lending (loans net of repayments) rose by 10 per cent in November.



The Guardian Wednesday January 3 1996



On the wings of time . . . cherubs in a Past Times shop window at St Ann's Square, Manchester

N A long-forgotten cartoon strip, hunters from a food-starved future routinely beamed themselves back to the age of the dinosaurs, slew their prey, and beamed themselves - stocked up with tons of dino-meat - back to the hungry future. At Christmas a low-tech version of this plunder of history filled stockings with Saxon jewellery, second world war radio sets, Viking chess games and

medieval gargoyles. Or, at least, contemporary approximations to them. The Roman brooch may have been turned out in India two weeks ago, the Celtic scarf may have been shipped in from the far east ... but none of this matters much to the customers of Britain's unsung boom industry: the past.

Twenty years ago, the in-curable nostalgic's shopping opportunities were limited to junk shops, second-hand bookstores and market stalls laden with 78 records and broken oil lamps. As for true

time travellers who fancied a mainstream goods that hap-slice of the Middle Ages or the pen to bring on a nostalgic Roman occupation, they had glow. Roberts' famous radio to do their own brass rubbing and metal detecting.

Not now. A business sector worth perhaps £100 million a year services the nostalgic and deep-past addict alike. his business. Museum shops, cathedral shops, National Trust outlets, the ubiquitous Past Times chain and catalogue, one-time

offers in Sunday colour sup-plements all combine with the traditional junk/second-hand trade to make the present just about the best time ever in

which to live in the past. What is more, straight nostalgia spills over into the re-launch of past "classics": Lyons spends heavily to rebuild one of the great names in coffee, Westminster

council orders back proper red telephone boxes and the MG sports car returns.

Indeed, on the fringes of the heritage business, it becomes harder and harder to separate nostalgia products from

but largely impractical). Yet even here, the divide is far from hard and fast. Chess sets, for example, represent can be played as easily with the Isle of Lewis chessmen as modern technology in a traditional design; should they with a modern set. Past send the customer wandering Times' Tweifth Night Cake is for eating, not for looking at. down memory lane, that is Nevertheless, the inclusion of British classics — from Mar-What of the reborn Ronson company and its distinctive British cigarette lighters? mite and HP Sauce to red

Buses and Rolls-Royce cars -Promotional literature makes much of the different models' would distort any attempt to measure the true size of the roots in the past — the Vara-flame, with its distinctive nostalgia business. long press-bar, speaks of the 50s, whereas the compact Comet had its heyday in the Such attempts are distorted enough as it is. The entire gift industry is measured at 70s. But nobody is suggesting that they are, in functional £5 billion a year, and "heri-tage gifts" at between 5 and 10

per cent of this, i.e. perhaps 5375 million. But this tate-gory sweeps in every plastic terms, anything other than modern cigarette lighters. Were Ronson to begin selling tinderboxes, it would be a different story. guardsman and Tower of Lon-don ashtray sold in every sou-Perhaps this is the real disvenir shop. Whatever the

tinction — between "classic" brands (those enjoying a long contribution made by such trinkets to our balance of payhistory while remaining enments, the true nostalgic will tirely serviceable in the conhave none of them. temporary world) and heri-A different measure of the

tage items (wonderful to own, | industry's strength is the record of its number one retailer, the Past Times chain, which opened its first shop in 1987 and its 60th at the end of last year. There are no Winston Churchill key rings in Past Times, whose range perfectly sums up the blend of worthiness and entertainment that is the nostalgia industry. Here the Lindisfarme Gospels and tapes of pre-Conquest Anglo-Saxon chanting sit alongside the VE Day mug and the wartime-look wireless containing a modern radio/cassette player. Competitors abound. although none — with the ex-ception of the National Trust

- has the same nationwide presence. The Museum Store in Covent Garden is similar, but not identical, to a Past Times outlet. At the other exreme, big mainstream chains have borrowed ideas for their own shelves.

Somebody, of course, has to manufacture all this history. An inside estimate suggests PHOTOGRAPH: DENIS THORPE

about half of all nostalgia items are made in Britain. The other half, manufactured overseas, tends towards items made of materials such as brass or silk with which a touch of old-fashioned craftsmanship is required, making British history big business in Indian foundries and far eastern silk factories.

Lest anyone suggest this historical Klondike is merely another morbid symptom of our national decline, they should know that ancient (and not-so-ancient) Britain is, as we say, going global. Not only are our nostalgia products selling well in obvi-ous markets (Canada, the US, Australia), but also in Japan, Germany and even France. One day, perhaps, the whole world will snuggle up beneath a Jane Austen Quilt (9'2"x 8'; cat. no. 7953), switch off the Art Deco lamp ("based on 1930s originals") and nod off to the sonorous tick of the

ship's cabin reproduction clock.

larger companies will survive by specialising, enabling

them to cut costs - which

Selling off the bacon

FOODS and distribution group Booker has agreed to sell two acon businesses to a subsidiary of foods company Unicate for £20.25 million. The two units, Stocks Lovell Ltd and Lovell & Christmas (Ulster) Ltd, produced a 1994 pre-bar profit of \$2.4 million on sales of £83.7 million, but Booker warned they had recorded lower profits in 1995.

Bank jobs misery

A FURTHER 20,000 jobs are likely to be axed from the UK's finance industry during 1996, warned the Banking Insurance and Finance Union yesterday. The job losses would be in addition to the 120,000 already lost in the past six years, BIRU said. The union warned of jobs cuts at National Westminster Bank, Midland Bank, and the Royal Bank of Scotland. — Pouline Springett

Geoff Burr

FOLLOWING the "Tadpole payoff" article in yesterday's Guard-ian. Tadpole Technology has asked us to point out that its highest paid director in the year in question was Geoff Burr, and that the 74 per cent pay increase he received included his £116,000 payoff from the company.

NatWest

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The rates for all other personal savings accounts remain unchanged. Where appropriate, Basic Rate Tax will be deducted from interest credited or paid which may be reclaimed by resident non-tax payers). Otherwise (for each subject to the required registration form), interest will be paid gross. The Gross Rate is the rate paid before deducting income tou The Gross Compounded Annual Rate (CAR.) is the rate where gross interest numents are retained in the account during the year. The Net Role is the role paid after deducting income tax at the Bosic Role

Recovery? What recovery? ask UK builders

Outlook '96 / Pauline Springett sees another poor year ahead with a further 100,000 construction jobs facing the axe

HE UK construction in- | workload figures showed dustry enjoys a dubious distinction. It is one of that the construction industry had already returned to the few sectors which has failed to shake off the last recession. That reinforced the findings of the institution's recession. Worse, 1995 was a own survey, conducted in the third quarter of last year. much poorer year than pundits, buoyed up by encourag-ing statistics in the previous which revealed lowest-ever confidence among surveyors. 12 months, had predicted. All On top of that, the RICS has forecast that employment will the signs are that 1996 may fall by 100,000 by the end of see the industry sink further - a blow that an indus-1997 into the quagmire. According to the Royal try which lost 500.000 jobs in

Institution of Chartered Surveyors, government

can be attributed to a vari- | Prices, which had fallen by | take on the commitment of ety of factors. The housing more than 20 per cent in some areas, failed to recover. Buymarket is still in the doldrums, speculative building ers were chary about the amount they were willing to pay, while sellers continued to demand pre-slump prices. in the commercial sector is largely absent and public infrastructure projects are being frustrated. This expectation gap shows

The housing market, after a few signs of disappearing, aldramatic decline since the heady late Eighties, did seem though "realistically priced" properties sell quickly enough. There is also the to be picking up a year ago. Builders started snapping up spectre of negative equity, afland in anticipation of higher fecting about one million homeowners and in effect takdemand. Although it was widely acknowledged that the ing them out of the same.

housing boom was an aberra-In the continued absence of tion, things were looking up. active government intervention to boost the market, the But it all evaporated very quickly. Potential buyers situation is unlikely to change Indeed, as worries found house nurchase costs the early 1990s can ill afford. higher and there were jitters The industry's wobbly state over interest rate rises. about stable employment rise, many people are reluctant to

long-term mortgages. Several companies have will be critical as tenders beresponded by pulling out of house-building, and more may follow. One of the bestknown names, Tarmac, last year swapped its housing division for the construction and quarrying businesses of rival group Wimpey. But the deal could be considered as two sides of the same coin. Wimpey, already the UK's largest housebuilder, clearly believes

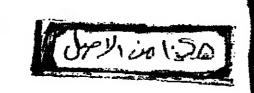
Tarmac's division will add muscle: the company is aiming for 20,000 house completions in the next two years, Tarmac, meanwhile, has become the UK's largest aggregates producer. One interpretation is that

come more competitive. The Government's Private Sector Finance Initiative appears so far to have reduced the number of projects coming on stream. That may change, and there is hopeful talk of millennium projects. But the reality is that if big firms are finding it tough, the small firms they hire are the ones facing the real squeeze. After all, those extra 100,000 job losses are going to come from somewhere.

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SPORTS NEWS 13

Olazabal ready to stick toe in the water

as he had not played at all since the Lancome Trophy in

Paris in early September he needed to play somewhere. He

has to get ready to try and win another Masters title."

is looking for good course quality," said Gomez, "and everyone says that this is a good course." Amazingly Olazabal is

struggling to get into the Bell-

South tournament in Atlanta, the US Tour event which this

Olazabal, a leading critic of

David Davies on a pean Tour events outside Europe. But he told me that cautious return for the Spanish Master

Golf

OSE-MARIA Olazabal, the last European to win a major championship — the US Masters in April the European Tour's policy of speading itself thinly across the world, will play in San Diego on the way back from 1994 — is to restart his injury-affected career by playing in Singapore and Perth, Western Singapore and Perth, Western Australia late this month. The Spaniard, who had to refuse an invitation to play in

the Ryder Cup matches last September because of an ar-thritic condition, has still not fully recovered. But yester-day his manager, Sergio Gomez, said: "He has gone from having a big pain and being unable to walk to hav-

year fails the week before the Masters. He needs an invita-tion to play but, said Gomez, "memories are short. He has ing an inconvenience. "He was recovering well but for the last three weeks there has been a stop in his progression. He has been playing nine holes and hitting balls, and he has not got worse but he has not got any not been in the public eye recently". His lack of activity is reflected in the fact that he

better either." In an attempt to improve matters Olazabal takes delivery today of a new pair of shoes which have taken two months to make. They come from Footjoy, the footwear manufacturer that Olazabal endorses, and are based on a mould that was taken of his PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON afflicted foot in the week be-

Boxing

man is well ahead of Nick Price and Ernie Els, but Barry Lane, who on Sunday won \$1 million (£650,000) when he took the Andersen Consulting World Champion-ship in Arizona, moves up

This is a huge bonus for, if he can retain that ranking, he is much more likely to receive invitations to the majors than when he was out-side the top 50.



Flat out from the start . . . runners get away to a level break in the Keats Handicap at Lingfield yesterday

Dreaper eyes cheap trip for Merry Gale

Graham Rock

ERRY GALE is a significant step closer to taking his chance in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Sandown on Saturday.

The Curragh Bloodstock Agency has arranged a flight from Dublin on Friday for mares and horses to go into training, and Jim Dreaper's "Graham Bradley has not had a ride on Merry Gale this season. We need to get them into action."

Flying horses is expensive Dreaper had chartered a plane to fly Merry Gale over on Saturday, he would have

ferry, but at this time of year journeys across the Irish Sea can be subject to cancellation. "There is no definite word about restaging the Ericsson Chase, and I would rather not "Graham Bradley has not had must be vary slittle rain here, the "Graham Bradley has not had "There is no definite word" about restaging the Ericsson chase, and I would rather not "Graham Bradley has not had "Graham Bradley has not had "Craham Bradley has not had "Craham Bradley has not had must be very slim."

the option." In the summer it is going is now good to soft, is quite common for horses to the going is now good to soft. Some potentially useful between England and "We would just have been increase today," said on the seven-Ireland by horsebox and able to race today," said case Novice Chase. chasing debut in November and was travelling smoothly in third place when coming down four fences from home. He should go well if com-pleting the course this time, but I doubt if he rail he mod but I doubt if he will be good enough to cope with Nemuro (1.20) in receipt of only 7lb.

Kingdom Of Shades (12.50) appeals as the best bet of the day in the second div-ision of the Horley Maiden

Hurdle. Andy Turnell's horse has shown ability in all three of his races, and finished second to Divertiemento on his reappearance at Windsor. He met previous winners Mandy's Mantino and Butter cup Joe at Towcester next time and showed improved

form to finish a close third. Bon Voyage was besten more than eight lengths when third to Kilcoran Bay and Darier over this course and distance 13 days ago and the merit of that performance can be judged on how Darter runs in the opening race Limited

has fallen out of the top 10 of the latest Sony world rank-ings, to 13th place. This is because, in part, the rankings have gone to a two-year points-gathering system rather than the three years on which they were previously based. There has been no change at the top, where Greg Norfore the Ryder Cup at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, New York

It is hoped that they will ease the pressure on the Span-iard's foot while walking the hitting of shots is not in itself causing pain. Olazabal's decision to play in the Johnnie Walker Classic in Singapore from January 25-28 and in the Heineken Classic in Darith the full from 51st to 38th. **Classic in Perth the following** week is something of a sur-

prise, not least to his Conversely Ian Woosnam manager. "When he told me he will be struggling. He is the When he told me he only player to drop out of the wanted to play in these events I said to him, 'But it is against reflecting the poor season he your religion to play in Euro- had last year.

Regan still lord of the flies

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stable star is likely to join them. When Merry Gale and Monte-lado travelled to Kempton for the abandoned Christmas meeting, it cost £4,000 each. If

Cochrane starts with 24-1 double AY COCHRANE cele | race on December 2. He | said: "This chap was my | Wordsworth had little cha

on. We need to get them into Lingfield was the only meet-ction." Ing to survive yesterday but Air Shot won two novice beat Pridwell in the Welsh The frost has come out of the jumpers return at the hurdles last season, and was a Champion Hurdle last season

nust be very slim." ing for Lookout Mountain by All-weather Flat racing at six lengths, but the form does ingfield was the only meet- not look outstanding.

the Curragh Bloodstock Agency flight on an 18-horse charter will be much less, the final invoice depending on how many places are taken. "We're trying to get Jim (Dreaper) helped out a bit." said Liam Spring of the CBA yesterday. "We have ar- ranged the flight on Friday and it will go with or without Merry Gale, but now he has	three places but it turned out not to be as had as I thought." Cochrane hit the front over three furlongs out on Wottashambles in the Shel- ley Handicap and won eas- ily by five lengths from Captain Marmalade. The winner, a 4-1 shot backed from 6-1, is trained by Les Montague Hall, who	Weaver was involved in a crash on the A1 last week when a car ran into the back of his BMW. "It jarred me up a bit and I wore a neck collar for two days," said Weaver. "I have been riding out for Mark John- ston and I can say that about 120 of our 130 horses are really exciting."	tional Boxing Federation fly- weight champion. The 27-year-old Welshman knocked out Ferid Ben Jeddou of Tunisia last month for the title vacated by Danny Romero of the US because of facial inju- ries. Last week the IBF nomi- nated another American, Mark Johnson, to meet the now recovered Romero on Febru- ary 2, a move that effectively
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Premiership: Newcastle United 2, Arsenal 0

Newcastle stay perfect

David Hopps

TILL they come, ir all shapes and styles, and still they return vanquished Newcastle United's position as Premiership lead ers might be held to be under strain, but at St James' Park they remain peerless, and last night they extended their home record to 11 straight

Newcastle were not at their most fluent — that could hardly be expected against an Arsenal side barren of attack-ing ideas but bent on disruption - but goals with ind cent haste at the start of each half from David Ginola and Les Ferdinand were enough to stretch their lead over Manchester United to seven points. Albert's knee injury had

been deemed serious enough for a two-month lay-off after Newcastle's defeat in Man-chester, but the swelling had gone down, the specialist's ap-pointment had been forgotten and he took his place in a reshaped Newcastle system that included three central defenders. Kitson and Ferdinand in attack and Ginola with a rov-

ing role on the flanks. But it was from a central position that Ginola gave Newcastle an emphatic start with a goal after barely a minute. The power of his shooting had brought two goals in Newcastle's previous home victory against Nottingham Forest and the talent stayed with him as a snorting drive from 20 yards was paimed by Seaman against his left-hand post and over the line.

The noise generated round the ground banished any Newcastle anxiety and cause a bat in the roof of the main stand to wheel about in fright Arsenal's response was more considered, with every act intending to squeeze the life from the game and steal something from its almost

moribund state. By half-time they were threatening to do so. One op-portunity had eluded them: rgkamp was put through by Parlour only to mishit his shot. But Newcastle were equally frustrated. Kitson's quality looked du-

David Lacey No way through . . . Beardsley muscles in but fails to find a way past Arsenal's Dixon and Platt at St James' Park last night PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STELE

bious last season; to convince | cold at the start of one half was surprising; to be caught cold twice beggared belief. In Seaman's case it could pro-bably be put down to a year later, when Newcastle have taken a step up in class, will be even more daunting. He spurned an excellent op-portunity before half-time, when he was torn between curling the ball in at the far post or setting up Ferdinand and ultimately did neither. A booking, just before the inter-val, for a foul on Platt hardly

lightened his mood. For Arsenal to be caught hand post.

on the end of Impey's fourth

Both teams had, to this

ist team he promised

As the second half wore or

chances were few. Sinclair shooting wide early on. But

on 60 minutes the game came

to life. As Chelsea increased

the pressure, Petrescu crossed from the right and Sommer punched the ball

away. But it fell to Gullit, 20

yards out. The Dutchman

cracked a shot which was heading for the net until

Yates brilliantly blocked the ball with a lunging foot.

When a goal did come, it was at the other end just after

Kharine: Duberry, Lee, Myers, Newton, Guilfi (Peacock, 69) Ke, Sponcer, Furlang,

brought particular satisfac-tion, leaving Blackburn among the current Premier-ship contingent as the only side against whom he has

Ferdinand comfortably outfailed to score. paced Adams as both pursued Barton's long diagonal ball, Newcastle's determination. to maintain their mood the goalkeeper came off his line then hesitated and brought a feverish quality to their attacks, exemplified as seemed sluggish to save as the ball crept in at his right-

For Ferdinand the goal | slide failed to divert the | or two, but no opportunities rebound. Another far-post header lacked a confident finish, Just before the hour, Kit-

son's short pass should have set up Ferdinand for Newcastle's third but the striker showed rare charity as he rolled his shot wide with Sea-

man helpless. ever by Kitson. Seaman Arsenal, having failed to pushed his shot on to a post kill the game, could have and the striker's desperate done instead with a dead ball

for another late challenge. stie United: Sraicek; Bario k. Howay, Albert, Elliott, Le Peacock, Howey, Albert, Elliot, Lee Beardsley, Ginola, Kitson (Watson 78min), Ferdinand. Arsenat: Seaman; Dizon, Bould (Dickov 71), Adams, Winterburn, Parlour (Clarke, 56), Keown, Platt, Merson, Bergkamp, Wright.

sociation is to ask the Foot-ball Association and the Premier League to introduce a four-week breather next sea-son. In the case of the FA the

of note came their way. The

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Bolton sack McFarland

Ian Rost

OY MCFARLAND last night became the first Premiership manager to lose his job this to lose his job this season when he parted com-pany with Bolton Wanderers. The former England de-fender was dismissed after a series of poor results culmi-nating in Monday afternoon's 4-2 defeat by Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough. The task of attempting to preserve Bolton's Premier-ship status will immediately be handed to Colin Todd, McFarland's long-time friend and until last night's surprisand, until last night's surpris-

ing developments, his assis-tant at Burnden Park. Todd's promotion is expected to be confirmed today by the chair-man, Gordon Hargreaves. Bolton, promoted from the First Division via the play-off Borde finals at the end of last season, are currently marconed at the foot of the Premiership. The McFarland-Todd mana gerial team picked up the reins last summer after Bruce Rioch resigned in order to succeed George Graham at Arsenal. In recent weeks McFarland, who was dismissed by Derby County last April, had been the focal point of post-match demon-strations by fans disen-chanted with his low-key managerial style. managerial style.

William Prunier's brief career with Manchester United ended yesterday when his trial period was ended by mutual consent.

The former French interna tional defender returned home to Bordeaux after being informed he was not guaranteed a permanent move to English football.

Although it is believed Un-ited's manager Alex Ferguson was willing to allow him to extend his trial spell for at least a fortnight, Prunier declined the offer.

"We obviously needed a bit more time to assess him and the situation," said Ferguson. "Apparently he has got one or two other options open to him, so it was best to let him

Having become a free agent by buying out the remaining two years of his contract with aux for £450,000, Prunier had arrived on Ferguson's doorstep late last week.

He made an impressive debut in the 2-1 victory over QPR but was less than impressive at Tottenham on Monday when United were overrun by Tottenham.

Manchester City's striker Niall Quinn, who will be 30 this year, has become the latest target for Howard Kendall

Managers urge winter break

TTH a number of Pre-

miership teams weak-ened by injuries after

an exhausting Christmas and

New Year programme, the

managers are renewing their plea for a midseason break.

They want players to have a month off before the third round of the FA Cup. The League Managers' As-

managers' association will be

the game, managers, coaches and players, needs a chance to recharge their batteries. It is not like the old days, the denands are much higher now. "We also have a duty to the fans. Crowds have been huge over the holiday period but many teams have been forced to field scratch sides."

Middlesbrough, Southampton, Tottenham and Chels were among those badly hit by injuries over the boliday, and West Ham were forced to field a 17-year-old YTS goal keeper at Maine Road on New Year's Day. Even Manchester finishing

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Chelsea home by final Furlong

Martin Thorpe

minute cross but, under pres-sure from Petrescu, could only poke the ball into the HEART-BREAKING own goal from the teenarms of Kharine. ager Matthew Brazier, making his first home start point, struggled to conjure up for QPR, turned the match the passionate football nor mally associated with this match. Chelsea even strugaround at Loftus Road last night in the final 10 minutes. gled to find the flowing move It gave Chelsea an equaliser. to which Furlong added in in-jury time with a far-post ments which have character ised their game recently and have hinted that Glenn Hodheader to Peacock's cross. dle is at last creating the pur-

Rangers came into the game struggling at the wrong and of the table after a run of two wins in their previous 13 league games. Their fortunes have not been helped by injuries, notably to Hateley, and the loss of Barker and McDonald through suspension.

As a result of Rangers' slim resources their midfield last night contained another oungsters Quashie, 17, making his first home start. If these two were thrilled to be playing against the great Gullit, their inexeperience added little buzz to Rangers' ap-

Gullit was carried off. Sinclair proach play. Chelsea, minus the suscrossed from the left and Bradley Allen headed in from cheisea, minus the sus-pended Hughes, played Fur-long alone up front but still created the best chances of the first half when, on the half-hour. Wise shot against Sommer's legs from six yards close range for his first goal of an injury-hit season. But then came Brazier's mishap from Duberry's cross and the points slipped away. Queens Park Bangers Sommer; Ready, Yatas, Maddis, Impey, Holloway, Quashie (Dichlo, 83min), Challis, Brazier, Allen, Sincialir, out, then a minute later Duberry, up for a corner, sliced an equally inviting shot wide

from eight yards. Rangers' best chance had fallen to Brazier, who slid in



Salary no bar to Dalglish job for Ireland THE Republic of Ireland yesterday got down to the business of finding a manager to replace Jack

Charlton, writes Cynthia The FA of Ireland held a

series of meetings in Dublin. including an assembly of the 45-strong full council, to discase that managers who pluck up the courage to back their judgment live to cuss the precise job specifi-cation and the kind of man who might fill it. It is thought the Irish regret the fact that they did so want a full-time manager with someone else's money. with no club commitments. Back in mid-November but that would not rule out Kenny Daiglish, the man at there seemed every chance that Jim Smith would go the the top of their list, who is

Blackburn.

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way of all recent managers of Derby County, With his club director of football at eight places off the bottom of The FAI could probably match Dalglish's basic salthe First Division — 11 points adrift of the then leaders Millary at Blackburn and could wall - he was attempting to correct imperfect form on the pitch while placating impaoffer lucrative commercial spin-offs. Charlton was on a tient punters away from it. basic £120,000 a year but If the signing of Igor Stimac from Hajduk Split was not made far more during the 1994 World Cup.

The Republic need not quite the last throw of dice rush into appointing a suc-cessor to the former Eng-land international. Offi-cials will attend the 1998 borrowed from the chairman Lionel Pickering's bankers, it was very much a calculated gamble. The Croatian International World Cup fixture meet-ings on January 23 and

was bought as a defender not a catalyst, yet, admirably and there is no match arranged until a friendly against the Czech Republic in April. improbably, he has since ex-celled in both roles. Stimac made his debut

against Tranmere on November 4, scoring a consolation

goal in a 5-1 trouncing. He was the best-kept secret in the Endsleigh League, albeit an expensive one. Today be is a FA CARLING PRE pivotal figure in a side which stands seven points clear at ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

the top of the table. Millwall now trail by 10 points. "I could say he's not put a foot wrong since he arrived, but that wouldn't be true."

said Smith. "On his first day here he picked up a new spon-sored car, drove out of the ground on the wrong side of the road and pranged it. "I don't suppose many

Derby fans had heard of him I think they were just pleased their club was willing to invest £1.5 million in any plaver.

"Anyone who knows their European football knows about Igor. He has settled in so quickly. He's got himself a house sorted out inside a month and got the wife and kids over to join him."

An assured, accomplished Rothernam's Mike Jeffrey is polsed to complete a £200,000 move to the Dutch First Division club Fortuna Stated. The 24-year-old midtelder joined Rothernam from Newcessite last summer for £100,000 after central defender-cum-sweeper with the proverbial two good eet and a level head, Stimad is the first player to enjoy cult status at the Baseball Ground making two appearances under Kevin Keegan, Jeffrey will follow Chris Wilder cul of Millismoor, Rotherham's captain hav-ing joined Notis County for £150,000. since one Charles Frederick George.

reartion, Middleabrough's latest injury ca-sualitos, have joined seven others under treatment as Bryan Robeon's faitering eam approach Saturday's FA Cup third-ound the al Note Sohn Henorie and the capitain Nig "Happy? Yes, I am, very he said. "With these happy."

Croatian catalyst happy to be among County set

FA CUP PROFILE: Ian Ross on a foreign ably where Derby County should be, amongst the big influence behind Derby's impressive drive that threatens Leeds United on Saturday

N FOOTBALL it is often the | me: I know I will do well in | this country."

Two League Championships in the Seventies suggest to some that Derby should be playing football in another place. Smith agrees, but things are going so well that he is reluctant to tempt fate by telling his players as much. "It is a while since the club

achieved any sort of major success. Supporters have long memories but perhaps players don't," he said. "I am sure that some of my

lads know their history. But remember, the last time we won the Championship many of them were still in prams. Derby is Smith's ninth managerial posting and at 55 the Yorkshireman would like to think he has alighted from the merry-go-round for the last time.

"You go where the work is, in this profession," he said. "I love it here. The club has a great past, a promising pres-ent and --- I hope --- a bright future. All managers need to be surrounded by people who are driven on by self-belief. I have that here and I'm grate-ful for it.

"No club has a divine right to play its football at the very highest level, but that's prob-will be saying that too."



years. Its spokesman Steve boys.

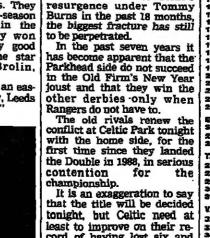
Double said: "We recognise it would be beneficial for the players and the technical pro-So how would the modern Derby, sustained by Picker-ing's millions and Smith's ebullient brand of optimism, gression of the game, but with a fairly hectic World Cup pro-gramme coming up we don't fare in the Premiership?

"Oh...I don't know," said Smith. "We'd just like the openvisage any changes earlier than 1998." portunity to give it a go. It's a bit of a double-edged sword ers' chief executive, was adabecause you let your mind mant yesterday that somewander and you think about thing must be done to ease the all the glamour games and the grand occasions, then you look at the recent perfor-mances turned in by the likes players' workload. "Our argu-ment has nothing to do with the weather," he said. "It is the amount of injuries players pick up over the Christ-mas and New Year period. of Newcastle United, Liverpool and Manchester United and you say to yourself, per-haps it would be best if we just missed out."

If another question is posed the great under-achievers of Leeds in the FA Cup third round is unlikely to provide a definitive answer. However, it could provide Smith with another clue, "It

Patrick Glenn is becoming something of a regular fixture," he said. "This will be Leeds's third F BREAKING moulds has been a feature of Celtic's visit in a few months. They played here in a pre-season friendly and again in the Coca-Cola Cup; they won both. They're a very good side, and look at the star

names: Yeboah, Brolin, McAllister.



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weeks ago, may make his debut in central defence. At Ibrox, Walter Smith has to decide whether to restore 40 Airdria 50 Clydeb 51 Datada Alex Cleland, who has just 52 St John 63 St Mirro recovered from injury, to wing-back on the right of his TENNENTS SC lecond room three-man defence of Gough, 54 Ayr Uhd 55 Ciydo Petric and McLaren. "Neither team would dream of looking

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Monday's 4-1 defeat at White Hart Lane with a reserve in goal and only one regular de ender in their back four.

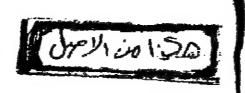
preaching to the converted, but the clubs would almost certainly resist such a move Howard Wilkinson of Leeds on financial grounds. BSkyB might also have objections. Moreover, the FA empha-United, chairman of the managers' association, pleaded for sised yesterday that it would a respite after his tired team be impossible to introduce a break within the next two had drawn 0-0 with Blackburn Rovers. "The public wants some games at Christmas and I'd give them one on Boxing Day and another on New Year's Day," he said, "but we need some sort of break."

Blackburn's Ray Harford agreed. "It's not fair to the players to ask them to play

four games in nine or 10 days." Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, would like Gordon Milne, the managthe fixture list eased by completing all League Cup ties ex-cept the final by the first week in January, then having a break until the first week in February, when the season would, as the managers' association suggests, reopen with the Cup third round. "Everyone connected with

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SPORTS NEWS 15

Cricket D'Oliveira welcomed by the establishment

Matthew Engel in Cape Town on another Arlott found him a cricket club in Lancashire where emotional day for an old England cricketer

HERE has been a sur-feit of occasions pur-was just finishing. Only one fett of occasions pur-porting to be the de-fining moment of the new South Africa, and soon it may be time to call a balt. person was left out - an omission so blatant that the person concerned stopped eating and began to listen intently. But one of the most poi-gnant took place in the presidential lunch room at Newlands during the lunch "There is somebody here who really is a very famous South African," Ali Bacher, the Cricket Board's execu-tive director, said at last.

Among the guests were all the people who have spent their lives eating lav-ish lunches at Newlands: the pillars of the old Cape establishment who merched establishment who revelled in and, in some cases, organised the rebel tours as South Africa's response to Africa.' the boycott.

And there too were the country's new establishment: not, in the end, President Mandela but his for-eign minister Alfred Nzo along with several other government figures. And everyone's name was read

out to be applauded. Archbishon Tutu warmly applauded Joe Pamensky, one-time godfather of the rebel tours. Bear-like Afrivaluable gifts. But this one kaners returned the comtruly meant something. pliment for Sam Ramsamy, There was not exactly a former boycotter-in-chief and now head of the coun-

tear, but D'Oliveira was un-able to say anything in reply — for the first time, he said, since John Arlott try's Olympic organisation. Everyone got a mention, including the huge number of cricketing dignitaries over from England (includ-ing the president of MCC, whose lapel badge omitted the Oliver so he was just de-

spoke too movingly for comment at his retirement "do" at Worcester.

scribed as Sir Popplewell). The players were already

he could be treated like a human being. And he had ertainly never been in any presidential lunch rooms he was confined to the old

grass bank reserved for non-whites. Even more certainly, D'Ol-iveira — one of the greatest players Cape Town ever produced — never played a game of cricket at New-lands. The St Augustine's Club (which, generations later, was to produce Paul Adams) was confined to playing on Green Point 'During very difficult years when there was evil in this country he did a lot Common, until that too was turned into an all-white area and the players were chased away into the disto change it. He went abroad because tragically his country denied him the chance to play for South tant Cape Flats.

D'Oliveira has been back several times since 1982, Then Krish Mackerdhuj, the president of the board, took over. "Basil," he said, when the Sports Council sent him on a delegation. Now he is leading one of the English tour parties. But he we wish to say to you offi-cially: welcome back to the cially: welcome back to the soil that bred you." And Basil came up. Everyone ap-plauded again. And Mack-erdhuj handed over a tie and gold coff-links. It was not a huge present and in his eventful life Basil D'Oliveira will have been given more yaluable gifte Brut this one can hardly move round Cape Town without the people who once rejected him trying to buy him a drink.

After a while he recov-ered his composure. "They're saying they're sorry, and that's fine. It's okay by me. But it's finished now. What is important is what is going on out there."

What was going on was that England were starting to lose a lot of wickets. "What's happening to us?" he asked. There was a prob lem with that question, but D'Oliveira had not set not to Dolly. He had no foot on this ground for 38 doubt at all about the years, since the Test against Australia over New land," he said firmly, soil Year 1958, two years before that bred him or not.



Beginning of the end ... Alec Stewart hears the crash of timbers as he is bowled by McMillan for 13 at Newlands yesterday and England's collapse gathers speed

Rugby League

Twickenham worried by Brittle revolt Sculthorpe scores for skill

Robert Armstrong reports on how

grassroots rebellion is shaking the RFU

WICKENHAM treads on the Midlands division and eggshells these days member of the Bishop Com-whenever Chiff Brittle's mission on the structural mission on the structural reform of the RFU, Brittle has name is mentioned. On Sunproblems triggered by professionalism, especially among the many clubs with next to no money. In effect he chalsufficient administrative erday week this little-known figure will spearhead a grassperience to present a credible threat to the ruling elite. His

though he enjoys executive like myself to help manage backing, not to mention the support of the RFU secretary all". The clear implication is backing, not to mention the support of the RFU secretary Tony Hallett. Perhaps wisely, Jeavons-Fellows is maintain-ing a dignified silence. Brittle believes there are no quick-fix solutions to the

that Twickenham has become undemocratic. Danie Serfontein, a popular past president, pointed out;

ber of the Bishop Commis sion. His membership of the commission enabled him to obtain a thorough knowledge of the RFU management and its structures, its strengths and weaknesses. He is the ideal choice to chair the executive at this time."

Paul Fitzpatrick on the latest product of Warrington's enviable youth production line

Wigan — the 18-year-old loose forward gave further notice of high-profile player, as they showed when they was on the field for only 33 signed Jonathan Davies from minutes before limping off Widnes, nor to look overseas, as proved by the recruitment rington hope will not exclude Another influential lobby-ist, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Steer, said: "Cliff and Mateaki Mail But youth Already he is starting to look among the best forwards in development is now their top indispensable. priority and their success in this field proves that not every ambitious youngster This is his first full season

yet he has appeared in every game. Warrington were more than a match for the champi-

ons while he was on the pitch, and although his departure

without him.

career - in any sport, let alone one as physically punishing as this — will develop; Lee Penny, Warrington's 21-year-old full-back and another gifted product of the youth policy, appeared to have gone backwards last season but has returned with a confident surge this season.

However, Warrington's Aus-tralian coach Brian Johnson

Smith

still set on a win

OBIN SMITH refused to Control Contro South Africa.

After making 66 of Eng-and's all-out total of 153, the Hampshire batsman said: "They've won the first round but we've got to pick our-selves up, bowl them out cheaply and then perform very much better in our second innings. I think it would be difficult to score 170 batting last

"One or two of our baismen will be a bit disappointed but South Africa bowled terrifi-cally well," he added. "The pitch was relatively easypaced but I believe it will quicken up and get much more difficult to bat on."

ENGLAND First Indians "M A Atherion c Hudson b Donaid A J Stewart b McMillian R A Smith b Adams A McMillian b Donaid an b Donald a watcheon tow b Pollock G Cork b Donald J Martin c Hudson b Donald B C Fraser not out

Total (88.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 141, 147, 151, onald 15-5-46-5; Pollock

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Calle, 10 J Richardson, S M Pollock, A A Jonald, P R Adame, Sowilling: Cork 8-4-11-2; Malaoim 5-3-11-0; Martin 3-2-2-0; Frauer 2-0-9-0;

"Cliff Brittle had the unani-mous endorsement of the RFU committee as a valued mem-

English game by standing for the post of chairman of the RFU executive committee in opposition to the officially backed candidate John Jeavons-Fellows, a member of the International Board.

Rugby Union

The special general meeting in Birmingham at which this as members of the RFU crucial election takes place committee.

It is a measure of Twickenwill be a watershed for the 2,000-plus clubs in memberham's alarm over the Brittle ship of the RFU because it will determine how far profes-sionalism filters down to the kering suggests Twickenham is far from confident that Jealower orders from the national leagues. Brittle, the Staffordshire

delegate and a successful

businessman with a company on the Isle of Man, represents a ground-swell of opinion which hopes to reassert the traditional virtues of amateurism. But he is no mere

backwoodsman trying to reverse the tide of change Robert Armstrong

that has engulfed the game in the past six months. His chief R OB ANDREW, direc-tor of coaching at Newcastle, will face complaint, which is shared by thousands of club members, is his former England team-mate Will Carling in the fifth round of the Pilkingthat Twickenham is ignoring the broad church of English rugby and instead focusing its ton Cup. Harlequins were drawn yesterday to play at energies - and money - on a handful of elite clubs.

Mandrul of eace clubs. "While I appreciate that the top end of the game has gone professional, the vast major-ity of players and administra-Kingston Park on January 27. But other Newcastle in-ternationals such as Gary Armstrong and Dean Ryan will not be eligible because tors wish to retain some of of the RFU's registration the ethics and values which ruling, which restricts ers, travel to Wakefield. them to non-competitive Harlequins' 600-m me etnics and values which have made the game so enjoy-able for the past hundred years," explained Brittle. "I consider that all levels [of the fixtures for 120 days after registration.

Dewi Morris, Andrew's regular England half-back game] must have an equal opportunity to progress and realise their individual ambibortunity to progress and regular England nan-back reweastle millionaire Sir ealise their individual ambi-tions in the new era of open ugby." As a former chairman of rugby after the World Cap playing in league and cup tions in the new era of open

rugby."

nomination for what is argu-ably the most powerful post in the union is proposed by where officials talk nowadays lan Beer, a recent past presi-dent, seconded by Middlesex and enthusiastically supas though amateur rugby never really existed; indeed there is more than a hint of ported by Lancashire and condescension towards those many other counties as well who argue in favour of an

even-handed policy. "The power of the RFU must remain with its memham's alarm over the Britter bendwagon that the president Bill Bishop asked him to stand down. Such blatant tin-stand down. Such blatant tin-ter stand down. Such blatant tin-ter stand down. Such blatant tin-stand down. Such blatant tin-ter stand down. Such blatant tin-stand down. Such blatant tin-ter stand down. Such blatant tin-stand down. Such blatant tin-stand down. Such blatant tin-stant stand down. Such blatant tin-stant stand down. Such blatant tin-ter stand down. Such blatant tin-stant stand down. Such blatant tin-stant stand down. Such blatant tin-ter sta bers." declared Brittle, who RFU would "benefit from the vons Fellows will win even | business experience of people | Jeavons-Fellows ... favoured | future of rugby."

stands; we normally get 250

spectators. That will be in-

creased to beyond 2,500 with temporary stands."

Leicester and Saracens

are the only League One

clubs drawn together. Lon-

don Irish, away to Leeds, could be the only League

Two club to reach the quar-ter-finals. Bath, the hold-

Harlequins' 600-mile round trip to Tyneside would have been much more demanding had the

Newcastle millionaire Sir John Hall succeeded in per-



of 1996, though we could have hoped for one of the lower-division teams in

order to win and have our other new signings avail-able for the quarter-final."

Leicester, the 1994 final-ists, are certain to treat

Saracens with respect at Welford Road, having lost their last league game to them in November. Wakefield, who lost nar-

rowly to Harlequins in last year's quarter-finals, will relish the visit of Bath, who are likely to include the former Wakefield wing Jon

AVON INSULABICE COMBINATIONS First Divisions Brighton v Crystal Palace (2.0); Sriatol C v West Henr, Charlton v Wattord (7.0); Ipseutch v Orkanisari, Odord Usi v Sevindor: Southampion v Milliveli; Winthlador v Brinkol Rvs (2.0), Sprai No. III Sa The Palart CAPITAL LIAAMIR: Penetosrugh v Fullem (7.0); Woldogham Tn v Crewing Tr, Dashki President's Cap Second press, Bend-krd v Sution Ud (7.45).

STONES CRATERLARY C'SHER Fin Division: Battey + Dawsbury. Secon Division: Hundiel + Chorley; Carliele Doncester (Carlisle RU): Selaton + Leigh

GUOWINSER LEAGUE Checker v Dov castor (8.0).

SUITION LEAGUE Division One Broch-nell v Blackburn (8.15); Gutklans v Bil-tingham (8.0).

Rugby League

Basketball

Ice Hockey

Brittle has the vision to keep the major part of the game non-vocational whilst accepting the inevitability of commercial rugby. wants to join Wigan.

"There are elements within the game that would wish to turn the RFU into Twickenham plc, which would not be in the best interests of rugby the length and breadth of the land. He is the right sort of person to manage the balance that is required to sort out the

lestyn Harris is Warrington's finest discovery in recent years. He had an outstanding World Cup at full-back for Wales and there were no dissenting voices when he was named the Inter-national Player of 1995. He is

One of a number of young-sters signed from the Oldham area, Sculthorpe has the likely to parade his skills at stand-off in future and if he strength at 15% stone and 6ft Sin to cope with the sport's physical demands, but it is by can avoid injury the Great Britain No. 6 shirt may be his for years.

no means only his power which impresses. He is quick, intelligent and looks mature beyond his years. But if Harris is one cartainty for a Great Britain place, Paul Sculthorpe is surely another. for a Great Britain place, Paul intelligent and looks mature Sculthorpe is surely another. beyond his years. In the very best company on There is no saying for cer-New Year's Day — against tain how an 18-year-old's tive at the end of the month.

the world in 12 months time," he says, quite a prediction from a man who appreciates the dangers of overburdening a youngster with heavy expectation. So far, though, Scuthorpe looks on course to fulfil it.

was not wholly responsible for his side's decline Warring-Chris Joynt, St Helens' in-ternational second-row forton were not the same force ward, may return for the Regal Trophy semi-final at Knowsley Road tomorrow after three weeks' absence. Joey Hayes on the right wing and Keiron Cunningham should play but there are doubts about Paul Newlove and Anthony Sullivan.

Andrew faces Carling and Co in cup **Basketball** ********************************** **Royals suffer pointless three months**

> one of their former heroe Mike Rafter was chief coach until November. Gloucester go to Notting-ham and West Hartlepool ought to make home advantage count against Coven-try, whose back row will be

T HAS been another bad year for the Hemel Royals. Since they won at Leicester on October 7, their only victory in 15 games has come in We're blowing it," their coach Mark Dunning admits. "We don't have the players who have the experience, the savvy or perhaps the ability." Hemel have yet to find a replacement for Allen Koo-Chof, the American play-maker displaced in last home to Newcastle on Satur-

Robert Pryce

back-up last season, is "going to be a good player in this league, but not this year". When Pringle was dropped early in the season Leon Noel new to tell them." new to tell them." Dunning knows what the solution is, but steady made an uncomfortable tran-sition from the other guard spot to take over as playmaker. This season, for much of which he has been

English point guards are not readily available. Meanwhile the English record of 30 bothered by an ankle injury. his three-point accuracy is successive league defeats, set by Hemel two seasons ago, is under threat. If the Royals go down from 48 to 30 per cent and his scoring is down from on losing, it will fall on April 3 away to the London Towers. Rick Taylor, who recently

resigned as general manager of the Manchester Giants, has summer's shake-up. Durning day partly "to get Leon back been appointed managing di says Keith Pringle, Koochor's to where he's comfortable" rector of the London Towers. been appointed managing di-

Tennis

Nicky Butt, Manchester Unit-Germany still prosper in Huber's rubbers ed's 20-year-old midfielder was granted bail yesterday after denying assault on a man in a Manchester restau-WITHOUT Boris Becker, Germany were given lit-tle chance of holding on to the Hopman Cup this year, but Anke Huber has other ideas. Hipper came from behind to rant last October and electing for trial by jury. Chess In the evening session the Britain's Stuart Conquest and Huber came from behind to Matthew Sadler beat Turkish win both her matches in No. 8 seed France kept alive Perth yesterday and lead Ger-many to a 2-1 win over the and German oppoments to their slim hopes of advancing share the fifth-round lead in from Group A with a 2-1 victhe Hastings Premier, writes Leonard Barden. Bogdan La-Netherlands. She beat Brenda tory over the fourth-seeded Schultz-McCarthy 3-6, 6-4, South Africa, who suffered their second successive delic of Croatia is the other 7-6 in the singles and then helped Martin Sinner beat Schultz and Richard Krajicek front runner after a draw with Jonathan Speelman. feat. Wayne Ferreira, who has a broken bone in his right 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the doubles. hand, lost twice. Darts • Germans also did well in

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Championships in Adelaide. Carl-Uwe Steeb saved three

Huber, who has won seven of her eight Hopman Cup singles matches, ralled im-pressively against the strong-John Part of Canada, first overseas winner of the Embassy World Professional Championship in 1994, recov-ered from 0-2 to beat Paul serving Schultz-McCarthy, mixing powerful baseline Williams of Bolton 3-2 in the strokes with the occasional Williams, 2-0 up in the final set, had double-12 for victory. rhythm from the baseline and Nicolas Kiefer, an 18-

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Results Tennis

Athletics

Athlictics NEW, YEAR SPRINT (Metdowbank): 110m Handhogan, I. K. Campbell (Edin-burgh S.H.S.Sam) 11.30; 2, K. Turner (Edin-burgh 18m) 11.41; 3, D. Turner (Cardif AC Sm) 11.48; 4, T. Waimes (Jedisurgh 12.6m) 11.55; 5, D. Daving (Edinburgh 11m) 11.58; 8, R. McKay (Edinburgh AC 3m) 11.62. Otr (Edinburgh AC 3m) 11.60. Orgen handlessen 1, S. Murray (Lanswade AC 32m) 4.07 50. Warman 400m handl-seng: 1, M. McClang (Edinburgh WM 20m) 33.13, Youthan 2008 flash 1, K. Stawari (Scot Borders 7m) 21.58, 1600m flash 1, 1 Murdoch (ATC 25m) 4.26.91.

Chess

Chess MASTINGS PREMIRE Round Five J Hodgson Q. A Yarmolinsky (US) 1; J Speet-map X, B Lalic (Cro) X; S Canquest 1, S Atalik (Tur) 0; M Sadler 1, T Luther (Gar) Q. A Knathman (Fus) v A Milas (unfinished), Leaderest Lalic, Conquest, Sadler 3R, Kha-litman 2X (1 unf), CHALLER/GERSE Round Size D Bronstein (Rud) X V Malaniuk (Ush's X: M Sher (Rug) X: I Raushe (Lat) 0; J Emme 1, T Strater (Gar) 0; J Pyan (Ink) 0; M Farqueon 1, Leaderes Sher 5; Enonstein, Malaniuk, Emmo, Ferguson 4X; E Marterean (Dan), K Arthell, M Headen 4 (plus 1 uni). .

Cricket

CASTLE CUP: Second day: Burbana Novinem Transvisi 161 (34 Rindei 51: Klu-sener 5-57) and 33-1 repail 399 (E Stewart 75 N Johnson 55)

Peber (Bal) 8-7, 8-2, 6-2; 1-Catartois (Bol) | TOUR SATCH: St John's Colleger Zim-babwe U-18 152 (K Davies 51). England U-tart-Decogis (Fr) bt 1 Spirisa (Rom) 7-5. 8-2; U Parg (China) bt A Smashnova (ter) 6-7, 6-7, 6-1. Darts THEBASSY WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Frimley Green): First round: A Jandim (Eng) bi S Rose (Bor) 3-0; A Fordbass (Eng) bi C Janson (Eng) 3-0; C Block (Eng) bi C Galle (N) 5-0; P Stan (Dar) bi E Surdice (Walawi 3-0; J Part (Can) bi F Williams (Eng) 3-2; ice Hockey

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Fixtures ***************************** (7.50 unless stated)

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he has been coaching Win-mington Park, who are at home to Wasps. Roy Falin, president of the League Five North chub in Chesh-ire, said: "We have no trands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle trands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle etands: we normally get 250 (from Binner to Newrastle) Andrew, who moves home from Pinner to Newcastle League One matches all season. The tie promises today. "It's the perfect in-troduction to the Newcastle high-scoring entertainment

for a crowd of 5,000. Bristol visit the League Two side Bedford, where

bolstered by their player coach Derek Eves, the for

Sport in brief

Soccer

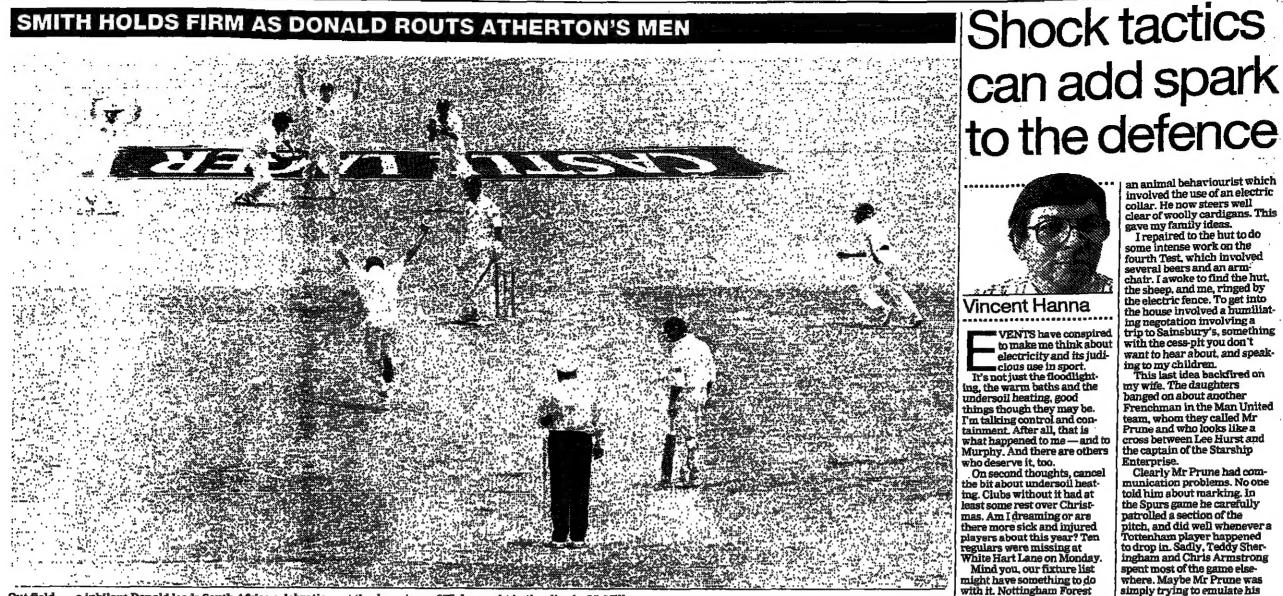
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portsGuardian

SMITH HOLDS FIRM AS DONALD ROUTS ATHERTON'S MEN



Out field . . . a jubilant Donald leads South Africa celebrations at the departure of Hick, caught in the slips by McMillen

South Africa v England: Fifth Test, first day

Cork keeps England alive

Mike Selvey in Cape Town

N THE film Memphis Belle the director condenses the wartime incidents of several years into one flying mission, and

tling his way to 66 before being last but one to fall. In the 20 overs that South

man Mike Atherton, and 35 minutes beyond the tea inter-val found themselves de-stroyed by Allan Donald for 153, with Robin Smith bat-tig cound the tea inter-stroyed by Allan Donald for 154, with Robin Smith bat-tig cound the tea inter-stroyed by Allan Donald for 155, with Robin Smith bat-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound to produce results. Donald bowled superbly — fast and rhythmical with con-stroyed by Allan Donald for tast and rhythmical with con-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound to produce results. Donald bowled superbly — tast and rhythmical with con-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound to produce results. Donald bowled superbly — tast and rhythmical with con-tig cound the tea inter-tig cound th and application, it does not appear adequate for the start trolled aggression and economy of effort. He claimed the England captain in his openof a Test. This is a relaid surface, so 0 0000

but now when it mattered he | At Centurion a similar stroke produced only the second balf | went for stx; at The Wander-century by an England No. 3 | ers it cost him his wicket. since Mike Gatting made an emotional century at Adelaide almost a year ago. There is a feeling that

Smith has become a restricted player, even off the

By the time he reached his half-century three hours later he had seen Alec Stewart drag none. He can coach as long as a McMillan outswinger on to his leg stump; Thorpe, who played well before the inter-

than the Miami Dolphins, who have just completed their full (and no doubt exhausting) season. Incidentally, did you notice that the Miami Herald con-ducted a poll of fans on the future of the Dolphins' coach Don Shula, 66 tomorrow, who hasn't won a Super Bowl since 1973. The vote was 79 per cent for Shula to quit, after 25 years. The Dolphins' owner Wayne Huizenga said: "Don

has all the options, I have

he wants." Sure, Wayne. The Republic of Ireland

HERE was I... oh

yes, the electricity. Murphy is our

Vincent Hanna

cious use in sport.

It's not just the floodlight

On second thoughts, cancel

Mind you, our fixture list

have so far played 38 games

Barcelona have played 19, and

AC Milan 17; that's one more

HE 15-year-old sug-gested that our electric four to one another might. And I bet that getting his Ferguson on Monday night. I have a few more candi-

supply their own names --- and collars e reien

involved the use of an electric collar. He now steers well clear of woolly cardigans. This gave my family ideas. I repaired to the hut to do some intense work on the fourth Test, which involved everal beers and an armchair. I awoke to find the hut, the sheep, and me, ringed by

an animal behaviourist which

Wednesday January 3 1996

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the electric fence. To get into the house involved a humiliat-ing negotation involving a trip to Sainsbury's, something VENTS have conspired with the cess-pit you don't to make me think about want to hear about, and speakelectricity and its judiing to my children.

This last idea backfired on my wife. The daughters banged on about another Frenchman in the Man United team, whom they called Mr Prune and who looks like a cross between Lee Hurst and the captain of the Starship Enterprise.

Clearly Mr Prune had com-munication problems. No one told him about marking. In the Spurs game he carefully patrolled a section of the pitch, and did well whenever a Tottenham player happened to drop in. Sadly, Teddy Sher-ingham and Chris Armstrong spent most of the game elsewhere. Maybe Mr Prune was simply trying to emulate his compatriot and captain, Mr Sardine, who no longer tackles anyone. Anyway he's gone now, so we'll never know.

fence, strung across the six-yard box, might im-prove United's performance. I doubt it. Introducing the back hands on five electric collars would have cheered up Alex lates for aversion therapy in 1996. Readers may wish to

as though the United Cricket Board of South Africa has managed to do much the same with the fifth and final Test. After four matches of rain,

sluggardly cricket, slow pitches and more rain, Newlands was the scene of rela-

tive carnage. England, a batsman light from the fourth Test and batting first on a pitch that did most things for the South African bowlers except sing Shosholoza, found the going desperate. They took almost eight overs to score a run, during which time they lost sure of the best bowlers that their cornerstone and talks they can respond to an occa-

they found batting no less fraught, losing Andrew Hudthe Wynberg End and then, on switching to the Kelvin Grove End immediately after son, without scoring, and Hansie Cronje (12) to Dominic lunch, accounted for Graham Cork — bowling with a dislo-cated finger on his left hand — Thorpe and Graeme Hick in his first over. before Gary Kirsten (15 not The yorker that ripped out

out) and Daryll Cullinan Cork's middle stump after tea. followed by the brutalising of seven not out) saw them to 44 without further loss by the Peter Martin, were fast bowlers' perks and although Paul Adams, to local delight, close. England are still in the match, but only if Cork is finished the innings off with the wickets of Smith and Devon Malcolm, Donald took given the support he deserves. Until yesterday Donald had hovered over the series like a thundercloud without producthe plaudits with figures of five ing the deluge. But it is a mea-sure of the best bowlers that for 46 from 16 overs, the sixth five-wicket haul of his career. Although the pitch has al-

might play apart from the fact that it was unlikely to get better as the match wore on. But Donald's opening overs were significant: several deliveries that climbed sharply, a couple on the low side, and some lateral movement. After three overs he stood at the creas and kicked away at the foot holds, another indication of a

pace that once was his life-blood, relying heavily on the most withering square cut in the game at the expense of an all-round scoring ability. This means that bowlers who stay short of a length but deny him width can restrict his progress, and those who draw him forwards and move

the ball away can get him out nitch that is loose. Batting last, Yet still he scraps. He found in what ought to be a low-scorhimself at the crease here after 30 runless minutes, Ath-erton having failed to keep ng match, will test the nerves. Without Smith's whole down a rising ball, and got his

hearted effort England would be dead and buried by now. He has not been at his best this own score moving by cutting Donald high over slips to the series, or indeed for some time, vacant third-man boundary

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val, push too solidly at his Shula as their new manager. first ball after lunch and edge He could bring them an unrito second slip; Hick go the same way, poking away from his body; and Russell, after 80 minutes' adhesion for nine valled knowledge of long for ward passes and gratuitous

runs, go likewise to Pollock, giving McMillan three successive catches. Thereafter no one had the willpower or skill Marga friendly Ger-man Shepherd who thinks to hang in with him.

he's a Yorkshire Terrier and Twice he saw Adams pitch short and instinctively he leaned back to cut. The first time the ball rushed straight leaps amiably into visiting laps. This has caused one sus pected myocardial infarct and on and hit him in the midriff. a couple of broken sofas. Recently Murphy has ex-The second, after more than four hours' effort and eight ised too great an interest in the sheep next door, and drastic action had to be taken boundaries, was dragged from the under edge on to his stumps. You live by the sword This came first in the form of an electric fence along the end of the garden, within 20 feet of

Matthew Engel and scoreboard, page 15

and so you die.

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who dropped his yellow card and then booked Paul Gascoigne for picking it up and waving it at him; at least Gazza can't help being a prat. **Trevor Bailey for waiting** until England were 167 for three on the final day of the fourth Test before confiding on Radio Four that because of the wicket "a result was never on'

I was going to have Sam Hammam, the chairman of Wimbledon, and Joe Royle, the Everton manager, fitted with special collars that pre-vent them approaching each other after games. But I think not. Sam apparently chased Joe out of the boardroom, down the stairs and across the car park. Ferguson which Murphy will not ven-ture. He also had therapy from badly needs man-to-m marking of that quality.

Fifa to hit taller keepers by moving the goalposts

John Duncan on a scheme to increase the target to counter the four-inch growth of man scheme of 2.587 per game. In Italy the goal aver-

IFA will agree to enlarge the goals when its rule-making body meets in March. The larger targets may be introduced into the miership in 1998-99.

Fifa's general secretary Sepp Blatter said: "Th guardians of the rules are in agreement about lengthening the goals by the diameter of two balls, which is around 50cm, and to increase the height by the diameter of one ball." Those guardians are cline in goals at the World Cup and the need to compete the International Board, whose eight votes are divided globally with a plethora of equally between Fifa and the sports in which scoring is home associations.

Yesterday Ken Ridden, the respected FA director of refermore frequent. The average number of goals per World Cup game slipped from 3.0 in 1970 to 2.2 at Italia '90 and, es and an FA representative on the IB, confirmed that the changes were being seriously despite a recovery to 3.7 in considered. "But this is jumping the gun a bit," he said.

final being decided by penalty shoot-out. More goals mean What we have agreed to so far is for a sub-committee to fewer draws, it believes. have a look at the issue and However, there is little evi-dence of a scoring crists in come up with some recom-mendations on the degree of change that would be best. I | European club football. There | better and cheaper option.'

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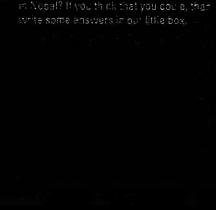
age went up last season (from 2.422 to 2.526); in Germany it know the sub-committee hasn't met yet because I'm on increased from 3.92 to 3. Only it." There would be a period of experiments in smaller Spain of the top nations saw a lecline - from 2.602 to 2.542. leagues before any global One of the key arguments for bigger goals can be found change was introduced. The other members of this in an obscure 1990 study by Roderick Floud, Kenneth sub-committee are Fifa's dep-Wachter and Annabel Greg-ory. Height, Health and Hisuty general secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen and the Scottish FA's George Cumming. They tory: Nutritional Status in the meet this month to discuss a report for the IB's March meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

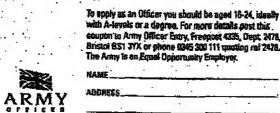
Fifa's key concern is the dewidth of the goals - eight yards - was set in 1863, with today's standardised height - 8ft - set in 1865. Since then, says the report, the average height has gone up by 5.95 per cent from 66.23 inches to 70.17 inches. "In assessing this," said

Ridden, "we have to consider 1994, Fifa is desperate to avoid another World Cup the cost of the change. There has also been talk of making the ball smaller to achieve the same effect, and if it was shown that this didn't affect skill levels, that might be a

The children's fortitude and desire to be ordinary in the face of all that was happening in their lives was an inspiration to all those who worked with them. Caring for the West children

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